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SIX ARRESTED IN CLAMPDOWN ON ROGUE BIKERS

Report by **Henry James**

Police mount combined operation after reports of riders causing disruption on borough roads

A TOTAL of six arrests have been made by police in an operation to combat large groups of yobs riding scrambler and quad bikes and causing disruption on the roads around Skelmersdale and Ormskirk on Sunday, April 8.

Neighbourhood police, motorway officers and the force helicopter were all involved in the operation which led to 13 scrambler bikes being seized.

Five of the seized vehicles have now been confirmed as stolen.

Police received reports from the public that the groups of bikes were travelling along both lanes of roads and being ridden the wrong way down dual carriageways.

They were also informed that the riders were not wearing helmets and were also committing other driving offences.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police said: "Skelmersdale Police received numerous reports from the public concerning large groups of scrambler and quad bikes causing disruption on the roads around Skelmersdale and Ormskirk.

"A number of police patrols were deployed to the area and due to the proactive work by immediate response, neighbourhood, motorway officers and the assistance of the force helicopter, a total of six persons have been arrested for handling stolen goods and theft, with 13 scrambler bikes seized and at this time five have been confirmed as stolen.

Assistance

"The bikes were taken from the Nottingham and Yorkshire areas.

"The six people arrested have been interviewed and released under investigation while we fully examine the seized bikes and view CCTV.

"Lancashire Police will continue to take action against these individuals. We want to thank the public for their calls and assistance in the matter.

"If anyone has any dashcam or CCTV footage, they should email 253@lancashire.pnn.police.uk with your contact details so we can arrange collection."

Police have said that bikes, such as quad bikes, monkey bikes, scooters, small machines that have a petrol engine, mini motors and go-peds, which work on an electric motor, are not suitable to be used on roads or pavements.

People caught riding an off-road bike in an anti-social way can face prosecution. They can also have their bike seized, be charged more than £100, be subject to an anti-social order, face a heavy fine and civil claim for injury to themselves or others.

West Lancs Town Crier Don Evans with members of Skelmersdale Prize Band who gave him a surprise rendition of *Happy Birthday* outside his home

Band's birthday surprise for town crier Don

WEST Lancs Town Crier Don Evans is used to making public proclamations but he was surprised to receive a public proclamation of sorts himself when the Skelmersdale Prize Band rolled up outside his home to perform an 80th birthday tribute for him!

Don Evans, who has been the borough's town crier since 2001, was delighted by the surprise on Saturday (April 7) which had been organised by his grandson, Peter and kept secret.

"It was absolutely amazing, nobody said a thing about it."

As well as playing *Happy Birthday*, the band also served up renditions of *Celebrations*, *For He's A Jolly Good Fellow*, and other old favourites which Don enjoyed singing along to as neighbours came out of their homes to witness the spectacle.

Originally from Lydiate, Don moved to Skelmersdale with wife Alice 32 years ago.

He has had a varied career, including being a police officer, a publican, a driving instructor, a tool maker, and a school tech teacher!

These days, as well as his role as town crier which involves him in all kinds of civic and private functions, he also makes children's toys to donate to good causes.

And despite heading into his 80s and having had two knee replacements in the last year, he has no intention of hanging up his town crier's bells, of which he has 12.

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Water company says most of flooding issues in Burscough are down to residents' disposal of 'inappropriate' waste

Report by **Kenny Parker**

UNITED Utilities has told water regulator Ofwat that the majority of flooding issues in the Burscough area are due to residents disposing of "inappropriate items" into the waste water.

Following a meeting to address concerns, Gavin Rattray, secretary of Burscough Flooding Group submitted a written complaint to the regulator about United Utilities' handling of flooding issues and the reporting of floods in the two areas.

Ofwat senior director, Emma Kelso, has now replied to Mr Rattray, informing him that following an assessment it would not be investigating United Utilities, which it says had demonstrated it was dealing with flooding issues appropriately while the apparent reporting discrepancies were down to the company only reporting on floods caused by its own assets.

The letter to Mr Rattray added that United Utilities had confirmed a number of actions it was taking to find a long-term solution to the flooding issues experienced in the Burscough and Halsall catchment areas.

These include continuing to liaise with Lancashire County Council and the Environment Agency to ensure that all stakeholders understand and are addressing the nature and cause of flooding in the local area; and to undertake an additional targeted sewer maintenance programme to ensure that it operates to full capacity.

The letter further stated: "The majority of the flooding causes relating to United Utilities' assets in the Burscough area relate to operational causes such as blockages caused by inappropriate items being discharged into the sewer network such as wipes, fats/oils/grease and food debris.

"Therefore, United Utilities is currently developing an approach specific to Burscough to raise awareness amongst customers about what items should not be discharged into the sewer network to help reduce the number of blockages occurring.

"In order to do this, United Utilities is currently carrying out analysis of historical blockages to target the awareness activities to be deployed."

Ms Kelso added that United Utilities is continuing to undertake investigations into the drainage catchment areas as part of an Integrated Drainage Area Strategy which will map out any issues within the company's sewer network and also the interactions between its network and those of responsible bodies' assets, such as culverts, highway drains and rivers.

Gavin Rattray acknowledged that work had already been done by Lancashire County Council and United Utilities to improve drainage in the Gower Gardens and Alexander Close area of Burscough.

Meanwhile the county council has recently been awarded £100,000 by the Government to fund a water surface management plan in Burscough.

A spokesperson for the authority said: "The funding we've received for the study in Burscough will allow us to get a full picture of how drainage systems there operate and interact, which will complement similar work being carried out by United Utilities on their assets. The results will then allow us to consider options for measures to mitigate flood risk from surface water in future."

Sewage flooding in Alexander Close, Burscough last year

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Drug dealer jailed after raid on home

A DRUG dealer has been jailed for three years following a raid at a house in Skelmersdale.

Officers from Lancashire Constabulary's Operation Nemesis, which targets gang and drug-related crime, forced entry at the property in The Winsters on Monday, March 12, to execute a misuse of drugs warrant.

Ian Fenney,

Inside they found 25-year-old Ian Fenney attempting to hide drugs about his person.

A large quantity of cash and two mobile phones were also recovered from the house.

Fenney, of Plum Grove, Seaforth, was taken to Skelmersdale custody suite, where he was searched and a substantial quantity of heroin and crack cocaine was recovered.

Appearing at Preston Crown Court, he pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs and was sentenced to three years in prison with an order made for forfeiture of the drugs and cash.

PC Ben Barnes, of Lancashire Constabulary's South Division, said: "This is an excellent result for the community of Skelmersdale and once again shows that the supply of controlled substances in the area will not be tolerated by the public or the police.

"Operation Nemesis officers will continue to target those committing organised crime in our area and will act on any information given to the police."

Anyone with information about organised or drug-related crime can contact police anonymously either by calling 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 11.

Simon's pedal-powered pilgrimage in aid of cancer charity

Report by **Henry James**

A KEEN cyclist from Skelmersdale is tackling a 145-mile pedal-power 'pilgrimage' to the Dutch capital, Amsterdam to raise funds to help the fight against prostate cancer.

This is the second time that 46-year-old Simon Heartfield has taken part in the event, which is backed by the English Football League and the League Managers Association, having also saddled up last year.

The fundraiser will take place over the weekend of Friday to Sunday, June 1 to 3 two weeks before the 2018 World Cup in Russia is set to kick off.

A total of 400 football fans will cycle over two days and finish at Ajax's Amsterdam Arena.

They will take part in two routes, one from Barnsley to Amsterdam and the other from London to Amsterdam.

Amazing

Simon, who will be taking the route from Barnsley, said: "We will be departing from Barnsley Football Club on Friday, June 1 and riding the 74 miles to Hull where we will take the ferry to Rotterdam.

"After that we will ride the 74 miles to Amsterdam."

Simon signed up for the fundraiser as he lost his father-in-law to prostate cancer.

He said: "Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. Every hour in the UK a man dies from the disease, that's more than 10,800 men every year.

"Also, one in eight men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime.

"Last year's event was an amazing experience and it was a big challenge.

"I'm looking forward to taking part in it again this year.

"Last year famous former footballers Les Ferdinand, Alan Smith and Viv Anderson were among those involved.

"I can honestly say it was one of the best cycling experiences I've ever had, and I've had a few.

"For 2018 I am producing another jersey and looking for corporate sponsors."

Simon is being joined on the ride this year by Daryl Gibbs, who owns Trimmers in Skelmersdale's Concourse shopping centre.

Simon managed to raise more than £2,500 last year, while the event collectively raised more than £600,000, which all went directly to Prostate Cancer UK.

To date this year Simon has raised £2,000, while 52-year-old Daryl has more raised more than £1,000.

Simon added: "Daryl is looking forward to taking part this year and has been doing 50 mile training rides."

Anyone wishing to sponsor Simon can contact him on 07917 878941. He also has a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simon-heartfield1

Simon is shown at the finish of last year's event by Ajax's stadium

Fundraising organiser Kath McGuire (right) with some of the models at the fashion show in aid of St Thomas the Martyr Church funds

Fundraiser gives £1,800 boost to church coffers

A FUNDRAISING event at St Thomas The Martyr Church in Up Holland raised £1,800 for church funds.

Residents were invited to go along for an evening of song, fashion and much more, including stalls selling fancy goods, cakes and vegetables.

The event also featured an Easter bonnet competition, while Orrell Operatic band and Burscough Ukele band provided musical entertainment.

Ginette Brunt (centre) with friends and colleagues who said farewell when she retired after 27 years as senior receptionist at Ashurst Health Centre.

Medical centre staff and patients bid fond farewell to long-serving receptionist

COLLEAGUES past and present were joined by patients to wish a fond farewell to a long-serving staff member at the Ashurst Health Centre.

Senior reception Ginette Brunt has retired after 27 years at the centre in Lulworth, Skelmersdale.

Practice manager at Ashurst Primary Care, Chris Forrest, said; "Ginette was a well-liked member of the team and good at putting patients at ease. She was always punctual and reliable and will be sadly missed.

"Whenever she was asked to do something she would do it with no fuss."

Colleagues presented Ginette with a watch, a necklace, and vouchers for her retirement.

Patients at the surgery also brought in flowers and gifts.

Following her retirement, Ginette is planning to spend more time gardening.

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Commissioner calls for Government to look again at police funding

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, is calling on the Government to reconsider police funding amid increasing demands on the force, as the Home Secretary's latest announcement contained no new money to tackle violent crime.

He said austerity in policing should be urgently reviewed following a Home Office report that said Government cuts to the police had "likely contributed" to a rise in serious violent crime.

Mr Grunshaw said: "While the Government continue to highlight the need for additional resources for policing, they are failing to provide any extra money.

"In fact, they have now forced the burden of funding policing onto local council tax payers.

"The reality is we are seeing more and more people contacting the police, with Lancashire having the highest volume of calls for its population outside London.

"The demands being placed on the force continue to put a significant strain on frontline policing.

Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw

"I agree that crime is complex and for years Lancashire Police have been leading the way through early action interventions with vulnerable children, families and adults. This approach can tackle the root causes of offending and prevent people from getting involved in more serious crimes but this is only sustainable with the right funding.

"I have also supported communities themselves to help tackle crime and keep Lancashire safe, with almost £350,000 of funding last year for locally identified projects and initiatives.

"Time and again I have said the Government must open their eyes and understand the impact that austerity in policing, and throughout the public sector, is having.

"Sadly, when the time has come for action, all we get are rehashed policies and no extra resources."

Since 2010, Lancashire Constabulary have had to make more than £84m of savings and still have to make an estimated £18m more by 2022, despite Government claims that police budgets have been protected. These reductions have led to the loss of around 800 officers and 350 police staff which include PCSOs as well as other staff.

Mr Grunshaw added: "Inspectors have been clear that in Lancashire the police are doing a good job at keeping people safe and acting to reduce crime. However, the savings that still have to be made and the demands being placed on the force continue to put a significant strain on the service."

Councillor welcomes county council's surface dressing plan for 'problem' road

NEVERSTITCH ROAD in Skelmersdale is set to undergo a programme of surface dressing to halt the further deterioration of the road.

The programme was agreed at a meeting of the Lancashire County Council's cabinet as part of the authority's 2018/2019 Highways Capital Programme.

Skelmersdale West County Councillor Julie Gibson has welcomed the announcement.

She said: "Like many of my colleagues I receive numerous complaints about the state of the roads across Skelmersdale but a particular one that always comes up is the perilous state of Neverstitch Road.

"The road is used as a main access to the industrial estate and so is constantly bearing the brunt of heavy wagons which, in turn, is tearing up the road surface."

County Councillor Gibson has already been able to establish additional signage which directed HGVs to the Glenburn Road entrance of the site, but there is still a problem with satnav routing which still takes some HGVs to the Neverstitch Road entrance.

Cllr. Gibson added: "I welcome the increased growth of firms using the estate as their base, it is a boost to the economy of West Lancashire. But at the same time the constant impact on the road surface has heightened its deterioration.

"I am hopeful that the work will help to address the noise and vibrations caused by heavy vehicles and will greatly improve the quality of life for nearby residents. "I first asked for this road to be included in the Capital Programme back in 2015/2016 but cuts to the county council's budget meant it was put back. I am delighted we now have some movement."

The surface dressing will cover the entire length of the road, starting at Ormskirk Road and continuing to the junction of Glenburn Road and will be completed within the 2018/2019 financial year.

County Councillor Julie Gibson

Skem Veterans bridge generation gap with youth zone visit

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans Association have been doing their bit to bridge the generation gap by visiting the Youth Zone in Wigan.

The group's chairman, Alan Lewis and member Jimmy Matthew went along to the youth zone in Parson's Walk where they were met by the manager, Sue Shearer.

After showing them around the zone she invited the veterans to take part in their Armed Forces Family Open Day on Saturday, April 21.

The event will run from 11am to 3pm and feature a bouncy castle, fairground rides and a football fun zone.

Accepting the offer, the Skelmersdale veterans are planning to take along their military memorabilia from the Second World War and later conflicts and young people will be able to sample the different pieces of equipment that the association have on show.

The veterans have also been involved with walking football training sessions organised by Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

Alan Lewis commented: "I want to thank association members: Alan Moore, Stewart Bullen, Billy Duncan, Tommy Morrison, Paul Mosquito and Jimmy Matthew for their help, as well as Sue Shearer at Wigan Youth Zone and Fergus Heyes from Wigan Athletic Community Trust."

Meanwhile the veterans celebrated the 100th anniversary of the RAF by laying a wreath at the memorial in Sandy Lane.

The association have also been invited by 1439 Skelmersdale Sq ATC to their annual dinner at Holland Hall Hotel, Up Holland.

Guest of Honour at the evening will be Wing Commander Chris Ashworth, who is the officer Commanding Merseyside Wing.

Alan Lewis said: "It will be a great honour and we are delighted to be able to share a fantastic evening with the cadets of Skelmersdale."

The Skelmersdale veterans taking part in the walking football organised by the Wigan Athletic Community Trust

Lily Mae with her mum and dad Sally & Mariuse

Pub charity fundraising squad team up for third year

A FATHER and daughter from Up Holland are teaming up for a third time with the landlord of their local pub, The Stanley Arms, to start a fundraising campaign for charity.

This year Phil Wallis and his daughter, Leah, are putting together a number of events - including a 'Our Big Gig' - in aid of a two-year-old girl from Up Holland, Lily Mae, who has been diagnosed with Cockayne Syndrome, a rare disease of childhood affecting DNA repair.

Money raised from the event will go towards the charity Amy & Friends, which looks after young people affected by Cockayne Syndrome and their families.

Carl Buck, the landlord of The Stanley Arms, said: "Following the success of the last two Our Big Gig @ the Stanley events we have decided to do it all over again this time for Amy and Friends.

"Phil Wallis, his daughter, Leah, Mick Lyons and myself have again joined forces to organise this year's event.

"Last year we raised £1,600 for Twinkle House. We are keeping our fingers crossed this year for good weather."

The team will take part in an eight-mile sponsored walk climbing Whernside on Saturday, May 5 followed that evening by the first live band of the weekend at 9pm.

Then on Sunday, May 6 they have 14 live acts (eight outdoors and six indoors) starting from 1pm till late.

And on Bank Holiday (Monday, May 7) there is the big quiz starting at 6pm.

This event was first organised in 2016 when money was raised for West Lancashire High School in Skelmersdale and last year children's charity Twinkle House was the chosen beneficiary.

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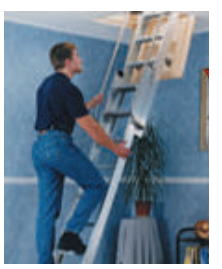

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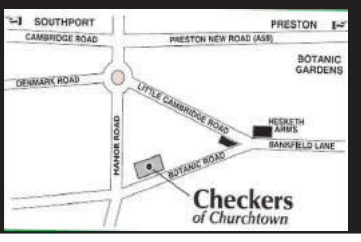

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Call for women to help create banner to mark centenary of right to vote

Report by **Henry James**

OFFICIALS of Transform Ageing social venture, The Sewing Rooms are calling on women and girls to sew a stitch in time and help to create a banner to celebrate the centenary of women's right to vote.

February 6 this year marked the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, which was a landmark moment in the nation's history.

On that day, 100 years ago some British women gained their right to vote, a critical point for women's equality and British democracy.

In celebration of the milestone, the Skelmersdale-based social venture The Sewing Rooms is calling on women and girls from across the region to join them on Saturday, April 14 at Skelmersdale library from 11am to 3pm to help with the creation of a banner to take part in a 100-strong banner procession in London on Sunday, June 10.

The procession will be a celebration of the fight for suffrage, expressing what it means to be a woman today, and will also be replicated in Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

Newly-appointed High Sheriff of Lancashire, Tony Attard OBE, who is also the chief executive of Panaz Fabrics, will also be donating fabrics for the banner.

Director of The Sewing Rooms, Paula Gamester, said: "We were keen to be a part of the processions celebration, not only because it is a wonderful initiative to be involved with, but also because it brings together all the elements of what we are about as a social enterprise working with women in communities.

Paula Gamester

Creativity

"The feeling of empowerment, belonging, and togetherness that is achieved by the women as they engage in teaching, and sewing is second to none, as it further encourages the group to demonstrate their creativity as they connect with each other."

As well as their work across Lancashire, The Sewing Rooms is one of 19 ventures supported by Transform Ageing, a first-of-its-kind initiative to change the way society approaches and designs services for people in later life.

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK, Transform Ageing takes a community and design-led approach to improve people's experience of ageing.

Meanwhile Transform Ageing is focusing efforts on the south-west of England where it is being delivered by UnLtd, the foundation for social entrepreneurs, Design Council, Centre for Ageing Better and the South West Academic Health Science Network.

With support from Transform Ageing The Sewing Rooms will be able to set up their service in the South West so that these communities can benefit from the expert assistance from a social enterprise, specialising in improving the health and well-being of the communities they work with, and improving peoples' life chances.

Head of social innovation at Design Council, Fiona Wood, said: "We are delighted to see The Sewing Rooms involvement in this historic event, and their work to engage women and girls from across the local area is, to celebrate this impactful moment in our nation's history is wonderful.

"We look forward to seeing the banner in its final form, and to welcoming The Sewing Rooms to the South West."

Men-Aces manager Carl Eaton pictured with the man-of-the-match award winners from both teams following the club's two games against Wrexham

Men-Aces back in action at the double after enforced lay-off

THE Skem Men-Aces disability football team have been busy recently with games against Wrexham and Leek.

With a number of matches having had to be cancelled due to the bad weather, the lads had a backlog of fixtures to catch-up on.

First up were two games at home to Wrexham and the club's coaches said the passion on display was intense as the A and B teams strived to make up for lost time.

The A team fired in four goals as they beat Wrexham A but the B team went down 3-1.

Coach, Mim Eaton, said: "The enforced rest the Men-Aces have experienced has made them more hungry.

"Wrexham were a big side - both in number and stature - and looked intimidating.

"However, the quality of football produced by both sides must be applauded and both games served up end-to-end excitement that kept everyone on their toes."

After the games the respective man-of-the-match award winners were presented with medals and Liverpool FC photos.

The Men-Aces have also played Leek, Buxton and Stoke in a mini tournament, again at home at the JMO pitch.

Mim added: "As our bus drew up we were given an abundance of handshakes and hugs but then it was game on.

"There was a nice flow to all the games but it was the two Men-Aces teams that brought home the tournament winners' medals.

"The trip home was joyful and full of song and smiles."

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Book deal is dream come true for Sue

A PRIMARY school teaching assistant from Skelmersdale has fulfilled a dream by writing a novel and getting it published.

Sue Roberts wrote My Big Greek Summer last year and sent it off to publishers.

Now, following great feedback, she has been signed up to a two-book deal with worldwide literary agency, Bookouture, based in London.

The book has been described as a feel-good, romantic comedy about second chances.

The cover of Sue's debut novel *My Big Greek Summer*

Due out on Thursday, May 3, it is available in print, ebook and audio and can be bought on Amazon and Waterstones online.

Sue's proud daughter, Rachel, told the Champion: "I am really pleased for my mum who has done something she has always dreamed of. The book has had some healthy pre-sales and some great reviews by bloggers and book critics."

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New county policy aims to prioritise highways issues

LANCASHIRE County Council is proposing to change the way it responds to highway maintenance issues to ensure the most serious problems are fixed the quickest.

A report to the council's cabinet recommends prioritising repairs to problems such as potholes, broken drain grates, loose paving and damaged bollards on the busiest roads and pavements.

The proposed Highway Safety Inspection Policy will be used by the authority's inspectors who patrol the county's roads to decide how to record defects and assess how urgently they need dealing with.

Response times will vary according to risk, with the most serious issues made safe or fixed within four hours, and response times for other problems ranging from two to 20 days.

The depth at which a pothole will be fixed remains the same as the previous policy, introduced in 2015, at 4cm deep on roads and 2.5cm deep on pavements.

Until now the council has not defined how wide a pothole must be to need repairing but the new policy recommends those on roads needing to be at least 15cm across and those on pavements 10cm wide.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport, said he will be recommending the proposals are accepted at the next cabinet meeting on Thursday, April 12.

County Councillor Keith Iddon

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Health club earns plaudits for charity fundraising efforts

Report by **Henry James**

THE Bannatyne health club in Skelmersdale has been recognised for the fundraising and charity efforts of members and staff by being named 'Most Charitable Club' at the company's national conference.

Announcing the award, the company said the Northway-based club "enthusiastically embraces" fundraising for its chosen charities, Operation Smile and Look Good Feel Better UK (LGFB), helping to contribute tens of thousands of pounds every year.

It also supports members in their charitable activities, including Matt Newman who is raising money for Bloodwise (formerly Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research).

Bloodwise is very close to Matt's heart as he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in 2013 and underwent three years of gruelling treatment.

Now in remission, Matt and friend Alan Lomax, are attempting to cycle 354 miles from Aberdeen to the Skelmersdale health club in four days.

General manager, Phill Nuttall, said: "This award is for everyone involved with the Bannatyne health club Skelmersdale. My colleagues and members are incredibly generous with their time, money and skills and this makes our fundraising efforts both fun and successful.

"The company supports two amazing charities that are often unsung but do fantastic work. I am very much looking forward to visiting a LGFB workshop at the Royal Liverpool Hospital to see for myself how the money we raise is spent and the difference it makes to people's lives.

Bannatyne's Ed James with Skelmersdale general manager, Phil Nuttall accepting the award presented by Lizzie Hanks and Sarah Emerson from Look Good Feel Better UK

"It is also important to me, and everyone at the club, that we are seen as a part of the local community and assisting Matt in his very ambitious cycle ride is something I am proud to do."

Justin Musgrove, chief executive of the Bannatyne Group, added: "Well done to everyone at Skelmersdale. Colleagues and members throw themselves into fundraising with gusto and the award for most charitable club is well-deserved."

Anyone wanting to sponsor Matt and Alan's bike marathon can find out how to do so by visiting www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sarastafford1.

Members of the Springhill Care Group staff in their new uniforms

Care home group introduces new uniforms after staff consultation

A CARE home provider's new uniform to standardise the appearance of nursing staff following consultation with its workforce and stakeholders, will be introduced first in Skelmersdale.

Feedback received via an online survey led to the introduction of the new uniforms and name badges and a new policy to ensure standard practice across the Springhill Care Group.

The group operates three care homes, including Birch Green in Skelmersdale.

The provider also sought staff opinion on uniforms, including whether they felt they were needed at all.

The majority (84.6%) felt that uniforms were necessary to create a professional identity while 70.2% were keen to see each job role reflected in a different uniform and colour.

Virginia Perkins, associate director for people and organisational development at Springhill, said: "We pride ourselves on our employee engagement by making sure we listen and respond to our workforce.

"Staff representatives specifically requested that Springhill's board considered the provision of new name badges and uniforms, so we set out to learn what the best approach would be for everyone involved."

Plastic peril is topic at U3A meeting

CHRISTINE Gaze of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust will give a talk on 'Plastics in the World's Oceans' at the next meeting of the Skelmersdale U3A group on Thursday, April 19 starting at 2.15pm.

The presentation will look into the problems of plastic in the environment and may provide a new view of our local beaches.

Looking ahead to the June meeting, Oliver Hill will talk about 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys.'

Meetings are held in The Ecumenical Centre, Northway on the third Thursday of the month, entrance fee is £1.

For more details contact the secretary on 01695 729998 or visit the website u3asites.org.uk/skelmersdale.

Former TV 'Gladiator' to give talk

FORMER TV 'Gladiator' turned Christian evangelist Warren Furman is set to appear at a special event at Skelmersdale Cricket Club on Thursday, April 12.

The 45-year-old, known as Ace during his time on the hit 1990s game show, will talk about his new role during the event, entitled 'Gladiator for the Gospel' which starts at 7.30pm at the club in Blaguegate Lane, Lathom.

The title comes from a conversation that Furman - who also had a relationship with former model Katie Price at the height of his fame - had with Holly Willoughby and Philip Schofield on ITV's This Morning programme last year.

He told the hosts of the breakfast show : "I'm a Gladiator for the Gospel. I thought I was really blessed but I was too busy looking down to ever look up. God will forgive the sin."

The event, organised by the men's ministry team, which is overseen by Lawrence Smye-Rumsby, a licensed lay minister based at St Paul's Church in Skelmersdale, is open to everyone.

It costs £5 to attend, which will include curry, but people can just turn up and pay on the evening as there is no need to book tickets in advance.

For more information contact mensministryskem@gmail.com.

Parents join in the fun at day nursery's Easter bonnet parade

PARENTS and staff joined in the fun *(above)* **when youngsters at the The Ducklings Day Nursery in Daniels Lane, Tawd Bridge went on parade with their Easter bonnets.**

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Edge Hill in top three universities in UK for widening participation

EDGE Hill University has been named in the top three nationally for widening participation by successfully removing barriers commonly faced by students from lower income and other under-represented backgrounds.

The announcement was made by the Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI) in a policy note written by Professor Iain Martin which looked at each university's success in widening participation.

In the note, Benchmarking widening participation: how should we measure and report progress?, Professor Martin proposes a potentially more effective measure of equity of participation rates which demonstrates graphically the most equal - and unequal - Higher Education institutions in the UK.

Edge Hill vice-chancellor, Dr John Cater, said: "We have been a champion of widening participation since our establishment in 1885 as the country's first women's non-denominational teacher training provider.

"Since then the theme of opportunity for all has remained a key component of the institution's vision and is embedded throughout our activities.

"We continue to make a significant and distinctive contribution to widening participation through a co-ordinated strategy of advice and guidance, targeted support, research and provision of entry routes, which has been highlighted in Professor Martin's analysis."

Nick Hillman, director of HEPI, commented: "This analysis reveals which universities reflect our society best, and those which have further to travel. It remains surprisingly controversial with some people to suggest that our oldest universities should mirror our society more closely."

A statement on the university's website added: "Edge Hill has a strong track record in widening participation, being a major provider of higher education for a diverse student body including mature students, first generation students, students from low income families and students from low participation neighbourhoods."

Edge Hill University has been recognised for its commitment to widening participation

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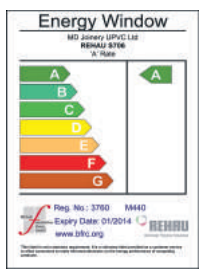

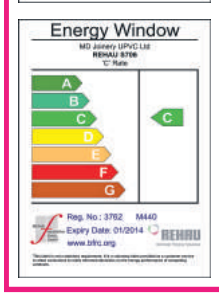

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County council says new machines speed up pothole repairs

BOSSES at Lancashire County Council say they are using an innovative method to speed up repairs to potholes following the damage caused by a particularly cold and wet winter.

Machines using a technique called spray injection patching have recently begun patrolling the county's worst-hit rural roads.

The authority says the machines can make an average of 60 repairs a day to all kinds of defects and have provided a "significant" boost to the council's capacity to tackle potholes.

They work by firstly using compressed air to remove all dust, debris and water from the affected area. Once the road has been cleaned, a cold bitumen emulsion is used to seal the defect. An aggregate mix is then fired in at high speed, with another coating of bitumen emulsion to prevent water from getting in.

And while the council's mobile two-man pothole repair teams continue to fix individual defects reported by highway inspectors and members of the public, the spray injection machines are being used in a preventative way to 'find and fix' potholes on rural roads where most problems are occurring.

As well as fixing the deeper potholes, they are also repairing minor areas of damage to prevent potholes appearing in the first place.

County Councillor Andrew Snowden, Lancashire lead member for highways and transport, said: "The alternating spells of wet followed by cold weather we've had have created the perfect conditions for potholes to appear. Our highway teams have been working in all weathers to fix them, but it has been hard going at times as the wet and icy conditions have made it very difficult to make lasting repairs.

"As the warmer weather arrives and our annual programme of resurfacing begins I hope people will really see the difference as we get on top of the repair backlog and deal with the winter damage.

County Councillor Andrew Snowden inspects a pothole repair carried out using one of the new machines

"One of the ways we're trying to make progress as quickly as possible is by using these spray injection machines which are very efficient and an excellent preventative tool to stop pothole problems from forming in the first place.

"We've already had four of these machines working over recent weeks and now have six which will be with us until mid-October when the winter weather arrives again and they can no longer operate as effectively."

The county council has budgeted £23m for maintenance to road surfaces in 2018/19, with around £10m of this set aside to fix potholes and carry out minor repairs, such as spray injection patching.

Following a Government announcement at the end of March, the council will also receive a further £2.4m from the national 'pothole action fund'.

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Members of the West Lancs Community Restart team with their awards

Community Restart Team celebrate awards double

MEMBERS of the West Lancashire Community Restart Team are celebrating success at the double following the annual Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Staff Awards ceremony.

The event, in Blackpool, which also marked the 70th anniversary of the NHS, provided an opportunity for employees to cheer on colleagues who had been nominated in 12 categories.

And the West Lancashire Community Restart Team, based at Moss Lane, Skelmersdale, won both the Partnership Working Trophy and the Chief Executive Award for Overall Excellence.

They were recognised for their collaboration with staff from the local job centre in supporting individuals identified as requiring more specialised support.

The team has "worked tirelessly" to build up and maintain the relationship with local job centres to ensure that people who have often slipped through the net are referred in to the service for support.

Dedicated

Heather Tierney-Moore, chief executive at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We have seen the awards grow in popularity over the years and this year was particularly special as the NHS will be celebrating its 70th birthday since it was founded in 1948.

"The Staff Awards is not just about having a bit of fun, but really about sharing the high-quality care that staff deliver every day.

"Our staff are extremely dedicated to providing the best services and the awards provide an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and inspire others to do the same.

"As always, the standard of nominations was very high and it proved to be a difficult task shortlisting in each of the categories. Everyone who was nominated should be very proud of their work and those who received an award this year are great examples of staff who go above and beyond in their roles."

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Chance to explore historic mansion at Heritage Day event

Gothic landmark to open to the public following 'significant' restoration

THERE is a chance for the local community to enjoy and explore a local landmark at the Scarisbrick Hall Heritage Day on Saturday, April 21.

The Scarisbrick Hall Trust will be opening the doors of the Gothic-style mansion to the public between 10am and 4pm for a day of free activities for kids and families, as well as events exploring the rich history of the hall.

Built between 1830 and 1860 and designed by pioneering Victorian architect Augustus Pugin, the hall was home to the Scarisbrick family for more than 700 years and today is the site of Scarisbrick Hall School.

Scarisbrick Hall which is opening its door to the community for a Heritage Day event on Saturday, April 21

Creative

The Heritage Day is the first opportunity for the public to explore the building since the reopening of the school and is supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The event, which is open to all, will include a performance by the local Tick Tock Community Choir; exhibitions by local artists and makers, including Swarbrick Maps; and a variety of creative activities for children, as well as tours with Lancashire Gardens Trust.

Director, Mike Headley, said: "We are delighted to be able to open the doors of Scarisbrick Hall to the local community, following the restoration of significant elements of the buildings.

"We are now ready to embark on a new journey for Scarisbrick Hall and Scarisbrick Hall Trust that ensures that the wider community is fully engaged.

"Our unified aim is to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to share in this unique heritage asset, enabling them to learn from the rich cultural history of the hall and school"

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County losing out in business 'space race' claim

LANCASHIRE is suffering a chronic shortage of industrial space forcing some businesses to consider quitting the county, is has been claimed.

An in-depth report by Lancashire Business View magazine says the problem can be traced back to the global financial crisis of 2008, when the UK economy hit the buffers and bank funding evaporated.

And some industry specialists fear the shortage is driving businesses out of Lancashire and into rival regions.

Jonathan Shaw, director at Preston-based chartered building surveyors, Anderton Gables, told Lancashire Business View: "We are seeing Lancashire occupiers having to look further afield at Warrington and Yorkshire. There's a lack of 'big sheds' and occupiers looking for distribution centre-sized premises are struggling to stay in the area."

The report also reveals growing concern that high demand for premises in the fast-growth logistics sector could effectively squeeze out manufacturers.

Popular vicar retires after 26 years' service at Aughton church

A SPORTY vicar who still holds a national athletics record nearly half-a-century after setting it as part of a university relay team, has retired from his post at a West Lancs church after 26 years of service.

Canon Ross Moughtin gave his last sermon as minister of Christ Church, Aughton on Sunday, April 8

During his time at the church in Long Lane, Ross has overseen the building of the highly-successful Ministry Centre, while about 800 people have attended the 50 Alpha courses led by his wife Jacqui, exploring the meaning of the Christian faith.

Paying tribute to the departing vicar, church warden, David Dennison, said: "Ross has been a very good vicar, highly respected by both our congregation and the wider community, well liked and valued for his hard work and dedication to pastoral work.

Canon Ross Moughtin

"We are very grateful for all his efforts and wish him and Jacqui all the best as they head into retirement.

"He will be a hard act to follow."

Originally from Crosby, Ross has also served in churches in Litherland, Heswall and Rochdale and was chair of governors at Aughton Christ Church Primary School for 22 years.

Aside from his church work, the 69-year-old is a keen runner and recently completed the Ormskirk parkrun for the 100th time.

He was also a member of a Cambridge University relay team which set a UK under-23s record for the 4 x 880 yards relay in 1969 with a time of 7 minutes and 37.6 seconds, which still stands today.

The couple, who have four daughters and 10 grandchildren, are staying in Aughton and say they will decide what to do next after a six-months sabbatical.

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Issuing on-the-spot fines would help to curb town's dog dirt problem

WHEN I visit Ormskirk twice a week to see family, I am frequently appalled by the amount of dog excrement left on pavements around the Marians Drive/Haslam Drive area by inconsiderate dog owners, on their way to and from the small park area, no doubt!

A company called Kingdom employed by Liverpool City Council have been doing a wonderful job in downtown Liverpool.

They issue on-the-spot fines to dog walkers who do not pick up after their dogs have defecated on pavements, to cigarette butt discarders and to general litter louts.

It is great to see the look on the faces of these dirty, inconsiderate people when two guys in blue jeans (no uniforms) approach them to issue an on-the-spot fine!

I believe West Lancs Council would do well to employ a couple of Kingdom workers.

Something should be done as the dog excrement has always been a problem in the town as far as I can remember back from 1966.

Please do something to curb the filth.

Norma Charles, by email

Dispensing justice is no task for 'amateurs'

I NOTED the plea for new magistrates (Champion, March 21 'Search for new magistrates launched').

What an opportunity for the righteous citizens.

Just imagine borrowing the pomp of the crown, being bowed to, having the lives of people in your hands for a little time.

You could levy fines, deprive people of their liberty, and even decide the future of children and families. What power, without accountability, and with very little knowledge.

Perhaps we can look forward to advertisements for amateur surgeons, in these days of austerity, to do minor surgery for the NHS. Of course, they would receive some training.

Before any reader volunteers themselves as a lay magistrate I suggest going unannounced to an ordinary day in the magistrates court and observe who is being judged and by whom.

You might be disturbed by what you see and might conclude this is no task for amateurs.

EKD, Ormskirk, details supplied

Why do we have to pay more when others pay nothing?

FOLLOWING the news of the rise in the council tax, can the council explain why a lot of families who work hard for their money have to fork out even more when the houses that students rent are free of charges?

More and more houses in Ormskirk are being bought by landlords so they put the council tax up every year to compensate for the lack of funds.

I and others think the rich landlords should pay their share of these.

They are making a lot of money but pay nothing yet still get their bins emptied and enjoy everything else that the householders pay for.

B. C., Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week

Red, white and blue... the colours of the Royal Air Force roundel depicted in flowers by volunteers at Southport's Botanic Gardens which was the focal point for last Sunday's ceremony to commemorate the centenary of the RAF as the world's first national air force. Picture by Martyn Snape.

How much will council's big building plans cost?

COUNCILLOR Moran, the leader of West Lancs Borough Council, takes 57 words to tell us that the council wants to set up a new company to build new houses and industrial premises, according to an article in the Champion.

But one big question is how much is this company going to cost?

He doesn't mention this rather important point.

Please, Cllr Moran, tell us how much are local taxpayers going to pay to create this company?

Who is going to run it?

And what will happen if it achieves none of the objectives you described?

Is it really worth the cost?

Maurice George, by email

New bin collection arrangements could be a health hazard

HAS the use of the old, contaminated, germ-ridden green bins for paper and card collection been authorised by the chief medical officer for Lancashire?

There will be more germs in the green bins than the NHS can cope with. This will be dangerous for the staff handling them.

The reason for this stupidity is to save money.

The residents who got rid of their green bins will now be asked to pay for a new one, that will be the 50 % who did not pay for the green bin collection.

By email, details supplied

Refuse confusion? Council have got it right

RE: the green/brown bin confusion. West Lancs Council have got it right.

Black refuse bin - all residents have one and will continue to use.

Blue refuse bin - all residents have one and will continue to use.

Green refuse bin - all residents have one, not all use it but will now use it for paper and cardboard.

Brown refuse bin - only residents who pay £30 will use it.

Arthur Welch, by email

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ **Please note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.**

I agree with Jim, inappropriate use of 'so' is so annoying!

I HAVE to agree with Jim Sharpe (One Man & His Dog, March 28) with regards to the annoying trend of the use of the word 'so' at the beginning of almost every sentence.

It really grinds my teeth!

There is no good reason to use the word 'so' to begin every reply.

If used in context, the word is very appropriate.

However, it seems that almost every sentence voiced on TV these days begins with that word and I do seem to find myself shouting at the TV (or at least thinking) that the word is unnecessary.

It is becoming unnecessary beyond annoying. It is time to highlight and stop the over-use of this word!

Well done to Jim for highlighting this issue.

Allyson Drury, by email

Why weren't we told about Easter closing?

I WISH to say a great big thanks to both the Concourse and our one and only Supermarket, Asda, for NOT announcing their intention to close all day on Easter Sunday.

This announcement should have been clearly stated on the front page of the Champion. I find it very inconsiderate for both shopping facilities to be closed all day on the same day.

Ron Webster, Wolverton, Skelmersdale

Join me for a week to see what councillors do!

SO Graham Walker (Letters, Champion March 28) wants to know what a councillor actually does. That's easy to solve. Can I invite Mr Walker to get in touch with me and I will take him around for a week as a councillor and then he will know.

Councillor Noel Delaney, by email

Will they tell us when the pavements will be available to walk on?

I SUPPOSE that the council will be distributing leaflets to inform us of the collection days for their latest wheelie bin wheeze.

Will they do us a favour and include the days when the public pavements will be available for walking on?

David Symons, Ashurst

‘Lifesaver’ councillor supports county’s Lifesaver campaign!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A COUNTY councillor from West lancashire who helped to save the life of a fellow councillor when he suffered a cardiac arrest in the council chamber is backing a drive to encourage more people to learn basic lifesaving techniques.

Lancashire County Council has teamed up with BBC Radio Lancashire and the North West Ambulance Service to launch the Lancashire Lifesavers campaign which aims to train 2,500 people across the county to perform CPR.

The project is the brainchild of Radio Lancashire political reporter Mike Stevens, who helped to save the life of former county councillor, Tony Jones, along with Skelmersdale East county councillor John Fillis, a trained nurse, and the authority’s facilities manager, Matt Dean.

The county council is also investing £30,000 in lifesaving defibrillators. The North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) will buy 40 of the machines and install them at a range of community venues over the next six months.

The service will also be hosting sessions to teach people how to carry out effective CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) which can save a person’s life if they have suffered a cardiac arrest.

Although no courses are being held in West Lancs at present - the nearest are at Chorley and Preston - there are plans to hold sessions in Ormskirk or Skelemersdale in the future.

Christopher Hyde, community resuscitation manager for NWAS, said: “Early CPR and defibrillation gives patients in a cardiac arrest the best possible chance, which is why it’s so important that community access defibrillators are available in as many places as possible.

“In the event of a cardiac arrest, dial 999 as soon as possible and our emergency medical dispatcher will give you all the instructions you need. They’ll let you know if there is a defibrillator near and how to access it.”

Paramedic Cheryl Pickstock receives a defibrillator from former county councillor Tony Jones watched by County Councillor John Fillis, Mike Stevens and Matt Dean

Councillor Fillis said: “This campaign is a great idea and something I fully support.

“When Tony collapsed I realised that something was seriously wrong. I just reacted in line with my training. The most important thing is to act quickly as just a few minutes can make all the difference.

“These free training sessions will ensure more people are confident to help if someone is taken ill in the future.”

NWAS paramedic Cheryl Pickstock, who helped to install the defibrillators at County Hall and will be leading the training sessions, added: “This is a brilliant opportunity for the people of Lancashire to learn the simple skills they need to help save a life in the event of a cardiac arrest and we urge as many people as possible to sign up.”

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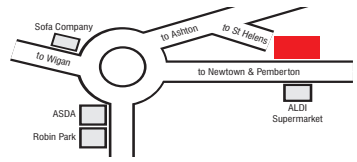

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Report says mortgages out of reach for 'average' West Lancs workers

WORKERS in West Lancashire on average earnings would need a whopping 78% pay rise to afford a mortgage, according to a new report by National Housing Federation.

The *North West Home Truths 2017/18* report reveals the average home now costs around £209,000 in the borough - eight times the typical annual salary locally, making home ownership impossible for many.

The report also revealed:

•The cost of renting privately has added pressure on incomes. Average monthly rents now stand at £556 swallowing up around 25% of private renters' income.

•A significant number (18%) of Housing Benefit recipients are in work, yet are still unable to afford their rent.

•The reason for the growing crisis is down to a large shortfall of new housing. Between 2012 and 2016, around 636 too few homes were built in West Lancashire.

Ciaran Tully, external affairs manager for the National Housing Federation, said: "The housing market has seen a relentless rise in the gap between house prices and people's salaries. West Lancashire is no exception. Attaining a mortgage is increasingly unrealistic and private sector rents make saving up that bit more difficult."

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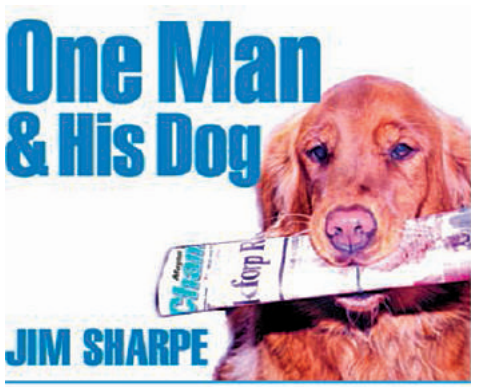

We don't need ID badges to define who we are . . .

BRIGHTON and Hove Council have apparently given all their staff so-called 'Gender ID' badges with the intention of showing anyone who wishes to talk to them whether they prefer to be called 'he', 'she' or 'their' - and no, I haven't the foggiest what 'their' is supposed to represent either!

Worry not though. If you don't fancy being a 'their', where the badges say 'My Pronouns Are...' you can fill in one which better describes what or who you are.

Apparently these 'right-on' councillors thought this such a wizard idea that they have decided it should be extended to the local populace generally. If you live in Brighton or Hove, you too can join in as part of the council's #MyPronounsAre campaign.

You might be forgiven for thinking that any local authority, plagued by savage budget cuts, might rather keep its parks, libraries or children's services up and running than to introduce crackpot schemes designed to conquer problems that wouldn't exist if we hadn't been told they do - but no.

One Tessa Marshall (whether he, she, their or other I don't know) the University of Brighton's Equalities Engagement Adviser (the university too seems awash with spare cash) is quoted as saying: "Not making assumptions and taking the opportunity to find out how someone should be addressed benefits us all and is integral to supporting and respecting our students, colleagues and visitors."

I don't know about you, but when I meet someone I don't usually worry about whether they are a 'she' or a 'their', but I'm reasonably sure that I have rarely, if ever, given offence by asking a woman if she prefers her first name, Miss, Mrs or Ms, to be used. But I fear at least one Brighton councillor would probably have me hung, drawn and quartered for such an act of disrespect.

Councillor Emma Daniel (again she doesn't appear to have filled in the three boxes) reckons we all define our own gender and should respect other folks' identities and rights. And I'd go along with that, until she continues: "Who a person is may not be defined easily. If someone's pronouns differ from what you assume,it's for you to adapt and it's OK to ask, Read the badge, respect people, it's that easy."

What my pronouns are is my business, and as long as you stick to society's norms I'll be quite happy. Certainly more so than Brighton and Hove's gobbledegook - and even more so than the system apparently adopted by the HSBC bank.

They have introduced 10 'gender neutral' titles for trans and non-binary customers (how do they know?) allowing them to choose between Mx. Ind, M, Mre, Msr, Myr, Pr, Sai, Ser or Misc.

I'd choose alright - I'd choose to move my account to another bank or the Bank of Toytown for that matter!

What gender any person chooses to be is entirely their business and I respect their wishes. But for the sake of sanity, does it really matter if the totally made-up titles such as Mre, Pr or Ser are used? I don't know how to pronounce most of them, let alone have any conception as to their meaning.

Until a very few years ago we all got along reasonably well with Mr, Miss or Mrs, and Ms was a reasonable addition to the fold. It totally defeats me why anyone should actually want to point out their differences.

Two of the best friends I have had in my life were gay but they did not, for instance, wander into a strange pub and announce to the world at large their sexual preferences. Not because they were ashamed, but because they really did simply fit into society by being who they were.

And that, possibly is the real trick. Know exactly who you are and without badges or loud hailers, get on with life.

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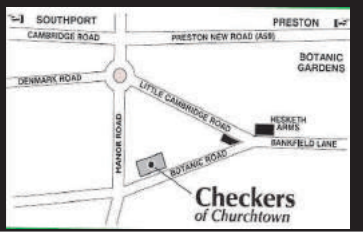

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County's young voters choose members to represent them at Youth Parliament

YOUNG people in Lancashire have elected their representatives to the Youth Parliament with Millie Edwards chosen to represent the Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire consitutency.

A total of 3,379 votes were cast across the county to select five representatives at the Youth Parliament.

Another Member of Youth Parliament was chosen by the Children in Care Council and the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) forum.

The full list of elected candidates is Millie Edwards (Chorley, South Ribble & West Lancs); Megan Ginley (Preston); Lily Cooper (Lancaster, Fylde & Wyre); Kelsey Hewitt (Burnley & Pendle); Ambar Siddique (Hyndburn, Ribble Valley & Rossendale); Evie Smith (Children in Care Council & SEND forum).

They will each represent their areas for two years.

Lancashire County Council's head of the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, Debbie Duffell, said: "I'm delighted that so many young people took part in this and thank them for getting so involved.

"I'm so impressed with the commitment that the young people have showed, both to the democratic process and to supporting their local communities. This is another demonstration of the positive contribution young people make."

As part of their duties the MYPs will organise events and projects, run campaigns and aim to influence decision-makers on the issues which matter most to young people.

Young people who want to find out who their member is on the district youth council can do so online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/things-to-do/groups/uk-youth-parliament

More information is also available by calling Brian Wood on 07795 222745 or emailing brian.wood@lancashire.gov.uk.

MP urges Northern and minister to break deadlock in rail dispute

ROSIE Cooper has joined with fellow North West MPs in calling on Transport Minister Chris Grayling and Northern Rail to re-engage with the RMT union to seek an end to the long-running dispute over driver-only trains.

The West Lancs MP believes the retention of guards on trains is an important issue that needs resolution.

She said: "It is unacceptable that the travelling public continue to be disrupted by the refusal of the Government and Northern Rail to reconsider their view on this important issue.

Damaging

"We remain convinced of the need for guards to remain on Northern Rail services to uphold passenger safety and service quality.

"I am calling on Chris Grayling and Northern Rail to re-engage in talks with the RMT as the deadlock in this dispute is damaging to all parties, particularly my West Lancashire constituents and commuters across the North West."

The Department of Transport has said Northern staff have had their jobs and pay guaranteed for the next eight years.

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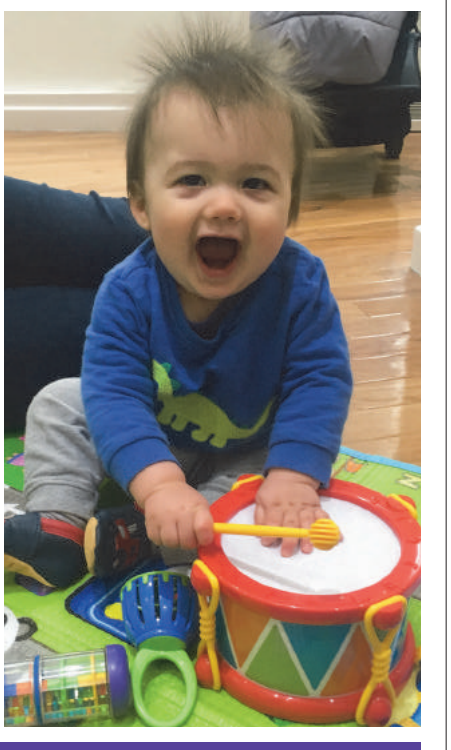

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Rescued animals set to go 'on tour'

STAFF at a West Lancashire animal sanctuary are taking their 'inmates' on tour!

The initiative will see the animals at the Woodlands Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood taken on day trips to schools, care homes and community groups in the area.

It is hoped the scheme will help improve animal welfare and the future of the country's wildlife by providing education for all generations - as well as the chance to cuddle to a new furry friend.

Sally McDerby from the sanctuary said: "The project offers all groups two types of outreach programmes to choose from.

"On a sanctuary visit, groups can join us at our base and learn on-site about the different animals we rehabilitate.

"On an external visit, we will go along with up to three species of animals - including hedgehogs, Beanie and Dolly, the charitiy's donkeys or Pigmy goats Bert and Ernie - with a programme tailored to the group's needs.

"This gives groups the opportunity to experience animals in a hands-on environment and can be an effective form of educational enrichment. Allowing them to empathise with a species can open their minds to how their decisions can affect others, which can have an impact on how our pets and wildlife are treated and also their behaviour within society.

A volunteer shows youngsters a hedgehog during a recent visit to a local school

"The team often take animals to nursing and senior care homes, where they are greeted with as much enthusiasm by the older generation as by the younger ones!

"With relevant activities for young people and an interactive experience for all, these sessions are a fun way to learn about animals, while helping a local charity who work tirelessly to support the animals in the area."

If you are interested in a visit, call the team on 01704 823293, or email info@animalsanctuary.org.uk.

Meanwhile, a new specialist hedgehog care unit has been built at the sanctuary.

The new facility cost around £1,000 to build, including labour.

Hogs need to reach a weight of at least 1lb 10oz up to a maximum of 2lbs, to give them the best possible chance of surviving in the wild.

The new 'pre-release unit' will house hedgehogs that have been moved on from the rehabilitation unit after reaching their ideal weight, until the weather permits and a soft release site has been found.

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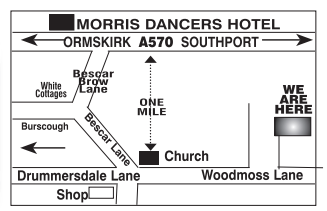

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Landowners call for better education and tougher action to deter fly-tippers

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FARMERS and landowners fed up with dealing with the aftermath of fly-tipping in the countryside are calling for a concerted campaign to educate householders not to use illegal waste carriers to dump their rubbish and for more prosecutions to act as a stronger deterrent.

The Country Land and Business Association Limited (CLA) which represents landowners, farmers and rural businesses has responded to a Government consultation on ways to tackle crime and duty of care in the waste sector.

The organisation says its members reported a 200% increase in fly-tipping on private land in just three years and is supporting the Government proposal to introduce fixed penalty notices for householders who do not dispose of their waste through proper legal channels.

CLA legal adviser, Andrew Gillet, said: "Fly-tipping is not a victimless crime. Almost two thirds of private rural landowners suffer from repeated fly-tipping incidents and are fed up with clearing away other people's rubbish and paying for the privilege.

"Introducing a fixed penalty notice for householders who pass their waste on to unauthorised waste carriers would be a useful deterrent. However, to really tackle the crime, raising awareness of the risks of being caught and bringing forward more prosecutions are the right methods that will bring about a real change in behaviour.

"Without better understanding from the public and the right legal deterrents in place, fly-tipping will continue to increase exponentially and further blight the countryside."

Landowners are calling for a campaign to educate the public against fly-tipping and for more prosecutions

The CLA also proposes that victims of fly-tipping on private land should be allowed to dispose of the illegal waste free of charge at local tips.

Mr Gillett said: "It is a complete injustice that private landowners who experience fly-tipping are then subject to becoming a criminal themselves if they do not clear up and pay for the mess to be disposed of. If they must clear it up themselves they should not be charged for disposing of it legally."

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said : "A fixed penalty notice was part of a consultation by the Department of Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) held earlier this year. West Lancashire Borough Council responded to the consultation by supporting the introduction of the new fixed penalty notices for householders and asked for nationwide publicity of the offence. The council would use the new fixed penalty notices if the legislation is changed and they become part of that legislation.

"The council regularly prosecutes people in relation to fly-tipping and litter offences and where possible publicises the outcome, to deter other potential offenders. We do not record whether fly-tipping is on farmland and therefore cannot put a figure on how many complaints of this nature we have received. However, we can confirm that we have received such complaints. We investigate them and where the appropriate evidence can be found, will take the appropriate action. It can also be possible to recover clearance costs if a case is taken to court. We would also offer advice to a landowner whose land has been fly-tipped, but currently they are responsible for the removal of waste."

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Public urged to make the most of borough's free events

WEST Lancs Council is urging residents to get out and enjoy the great outdoors by sampling some of the free events being organised by the Parks and Countryside Ranger Service.

Youngsters aged between five and 12 can discover new skills on two wheels at the free Bike Ability Level 1 course at Coronation Park, Ormskirk on Saturday, April 14.

Whether learning to ride on two wheels for the first time or improving your balance and ability, this session will suit you. Participants will learn to control their bike, signal, improve observation and learn techniques to prepare for road cycling in the future. Places must be booked in advance by ringing 01695 570258 or by email to anne.faulkner@westlancs.gov.uk.

Meanwhile on Sunday, April 15 walkers can enjoy the Beacon Canal Loop and there's no need to book, just turn up.

The walk starts at 10am prompt and covers eight miles of varied terrain. Meeting point is the Visitor Centre at Beacon Country Park.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult except for the Junior Rangers events which have separate arrangements. Please ensure you wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather, ground conditions and the planned activity.

Heidi McDougall, the council's Director of Leisure and Environment Services, said: "Spring is a great time of year to visit West Lancashire's parks so come along to enjoy the great outdoors and our exciting parks events."

If you fancy volunteering with the Ranger Service, call 01695 622794 for more information.

You can also find out more about parks and countryside events by following the Rangers on Twitter @WLBC_Rangers or visiting their Facebook page www.facebook.com/wlbc.rangers.

For more information on West Lancs Council's parks and countryside sites visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/countryside.

New chief executive to head county's tourism and investment drive

MARKETING Lancashire, the organisation which aims to grow the county's visitor economy and develop the destination as a great place to visit, work and invest, has appointed a new chief executive.

Chair of the board, Tony Attard, said: "Following an extensive search and interviews with a number of very strong applicants, I'm delighted to confirm Rachel McQueen as the new chief executive of Marketing Lancashire.

"Rachel's leadership qualities and extensive experience in place marketing and tourism in the North West, made her an ideal candidate for the role and for advancing our ambitions and plans for Lancashire.

"I'm very much looking forward to working with her and embarking together on a number of significant projects for the county."

Rachel, who is due to take up her position in May, joins from Marketing Cheshire where she held the role of tourism director. She previously worked at Marketing Manchester, as director of marketing and deputy chief executive.

Commenting on her appointment, she said: "I'm delighted to have been given the opportunity to lead Marketing Lancashire and firmly believe that this organisation is one of the best-placed in the country, to set the standard for future Destination Management Organisations and for strategic place marketing.

"Marketing Lancashire clearly has a strong, experienced team, an ambitious board and committed group of partners and stakeholders, all focused on building a more successful and prosperous Lancashire. The potential is immense and I am keen to start working with Tony and the team to maximise every future opportunity. It will be an honour to be part of Lancashire's future growth."

Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for economic development, environment and planning, County Councillor Michael Green, commented: "Lancashire is a great place to live, visit and do business, and has fantastic prospects for investment. We are determined to raise the profile of this amazing county and we look forward to working with Rachel and her colleagues to grow the economy even further."

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Mayor to open dance academy's new HQ

THE Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, will attend the grand reopening of the Base Dance Performing Arts Academy at their new premises on the Platts Lane Industrial Estate, Burscough on Sunday, April 15 at noon.

The mayor will perform the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Breathe Easy members enjoy fascinating talk on medicines management

DAWN Threlfall, Medicines Optimisation Project Support manager at NHS West Lancashire CCG, gave a talk on medicines management at the latest meeting of the West Lancashire & Southport Breathe Easy Group.

Medicines management is a self-care programme, with the Prescribing Ordering Direct Service (POD) being launched in Skelmersdale in 2017.

One of the aims is to tackle the thorny issue of wasted medication, thought to cost the NHS each year £300m nationally and at least £600,000 per year in West Lancashire.

Dawn said that money could be used better, for instance, in providing 50 hip replacement operations; 50 cataract operations; 40 heart Bypass operations; 10 knee replacements; or five full-time nurses.

The group heard how the CCG has successfully engaged the public with posters and slogans, such as 'Saving Money is Saving Lives' and 'Being a Hoarder is Out of Order' and up to November 2017 it had saved £1.3m in medicines.

Dawn explained that the POD Service is the latest way for patients in West Lancashire to manage their repeat prescriptions and receive advice about their medicines. It is run by a team of skilled health professionals, providing a new way in which patients can order repeat prescriptions and providing a prescribing centre of excellence for doctors and patients.

It started in Skelmersdale Family Practice, expanded to Dr Ryders practice in February and there are plans to expand across Skelmersdale over the next couple of months.

Another branch will be based in Ormskirk and there will be a new one opening in Burscough, to cover the Northern Parishes neighborhood, starting with Tarleton, Stanley Court and Lathom House.

Dawn said the POD service had resulted in a faster time for repeat prescriptions to be processed, leaving the GP practice workforce with much-needed time to deal with other matters, therefore increasing convenience to staff and patients. There are significant financial savings too, due to the reduction of medicines waste.

The meeting heard that the POD system had been efficient and that between March and November 2017, the number of paper prescriptions having to be written in the practices concerned has "greatly fallen", and the cost of medicines in the same period has fallen from over £210,000 each month to under £170,000.

Meanwhile, positives for the patients included improved access to clinicians, safer, more convenient prescribing, one convenient place to discuss medicines issues, patient education and improved medication review and management of long-term conditions.

Patricia Ireland from the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy group said: "It was a most thought-provoking and fascinating presentation."

The next meeting of the group will be a Social and Information Morning on Monday, April 16, starting at 11.15 am, at the Guide HQ, Green Lane, Ormskirk. For more information call 07528 702 203.

Dawn Threlfall, of the NHS West Lancs CCG Medicines Management team

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OAP says new council policy will land him with £130 grass-cutting bill

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Colin Ramsden and the grassed areas outside his sheltered accommodation home.

A PENSIONER living in sheltered accommodation says that changes to West Lancs Council's grass-cutting policy could land him with a £130 bill to have his lawn cut.

Previously the authority has routinely cut the large lawn in front of Colin Ramsden's property in Hesketh Road, Burscough free of charge.

But the 68-year-old says he has recently been notified that from this month this service will no longer be offered free. Instead, he must either pay for the council to cut it between April and September or find a private contractor to cut the grass for him at his own expense.

Mr Ramsden says he isn't able to do the work himself after having had a heart attack and a stroke, while he is currently suffering from a perforated ulcer that can't be operated on.

He said: "£130 might not sound a lot to some folk but I'm a pensioner in sheltered housing where am I going to find that?"

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A spokesperson for West Lancs Council responded: "Following a detailed review by the council it was agreed that from April 1 changes would be implemented to the Grounds Maintenance Service, which includes grass cutting on some of the council's residential estates.

"The council identified a limited number of properties where the grass cutting service would cease, including Mr Ramsden's property. There are no other tenants receiving a free garden maintenance service in Hesketh Road.

"A senior housing officer from the Housing and Inclusion Service visited Mr Ramsden to explain the background following a letter he had received regarding the changes. Mr Ramsden was offered the option of using the council's low-cost garden maintenance service which provides excellent value for money.

"The council has arranged for a member of staff to contact Mr Ramsden to discuss how we can potentially assist him."

Care trust consultant speaks up for people affected by brain injury

A CONSULTANT from Lancashire Care Trust is acting as a voice for people in the county who are directly affected by Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) by raising key issues and seeking improvements in services in talks with ministers and MPs.

Dr Czarina Kirk, consultant neuropsychiatrist at the Guild Lodge secure mental health facility in Preston, attended an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for ABI at Westminster, the UK Acquired Brain Injury Forum (UKABIF) launched last year.

Czarina took part in a round table discussion around crime and offending behaviour and informed the group about the existing service at Guild Lodge.

She also provided useful information about the outcomes in specialist secure ABI rehabilitation facility and some of the commissioning difficulties experienced including national bed shortages and the extent of sexual offending and complexity in this population.

Czarina said: "It was a fantastic experience to see the workings of an APPG and the genuine interest and concern that was expressed.

"The most important thing to me was how we have a shared goal, vision and a determination to work together to support this population, whether we be from the voluntary sector such as Headway, Children's Brain Injury Trust and UKABIF, the independent sector or the NHS who are each pooling our resources with hopefully now, some backing from Parliament.

"I hope to attend a lobbying event in the House of Commons on May 9 during ABI awareness week. I am so pleased to have developed a new network of like-minded people and it has been a pleasure to keep in touch with them sharing some of my expertise and experience and learning from them too."

Chance to 'have a go' with a bow!

IF you've ever fancied trying your hand at archery, now's your chance to 'have a go' for free.

Burscough Archers, who have members from throughout West Lancs and Sefton, are offering free sessions to anyone over the age of 10.

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A spokesman for the club said: "Archery is a great sport for all ages, all fitness levels and can even accommodate various types and degrees of disability. It challenges both the mind and the upper body and, compared to some, is quite inexpensive."

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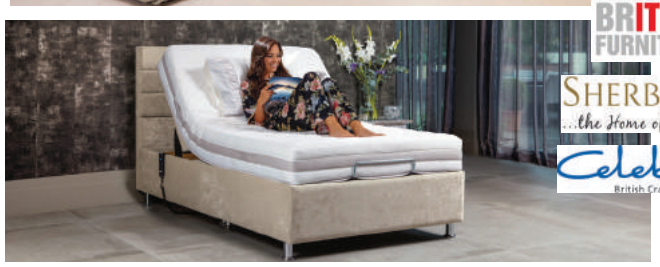

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Edge Hill academic has good news for chocolate lovers!

A LECTURER at Edge Hill University has discovered that chocolate can be manufactured in a way which may help with weight management without affecting the taste!

Dr Catherine Tsang, senior lecturer in Human Nutrition and Health in the university's Faculty of Health and Social Care, collaborated with top Belgian chocolate company, Barry Callebaut, to prepare a dark chocolate containing fibre and high in antioxidants which keeps the eater feeling full for longer.

Dr Catherine Tsang

The company manufactures chocolate using the acticoa method, which preserves a greater percentage of polyphenols, which have antioxidant properties, than the usual methods of chocolate production.

Dr Tsang conducted research to find out whether the polyphenol-rich dark chocolate keeps us feeling fuller for longer, and what difference adding fibre into the mix makes.

And after conducting experiments on 12 volunteers, she found that not only did the polyphenol-rich chocolate appear to stave off hunger for longer than the ordinary dark chocolate variety, but those who ate the more healthy version containing fibre were "significantly less" hungry for longer. They also consumed less calories the following day.

The university said: "Fibre has many health benefits and the recommended daily intake in the UK is 30g a day, with the average person only consuming between 17 and 20g. Manufacturing chocolate with added fibre could help people increase their intake, keeping them fuller for longer.

"This means that dark chocolate containing preserved polyphenols and added fibre could be used as a healthy snack, as part of a healthy balanced diet."

Dr Tsang has been working with academics at the University of Edinburgh, Queen Margaret University and Liverpool Hope University, and they plan to carry out further studies to monitor satiety over a longer period of time.

'Scrap metal' find was 19th-century French coin

A PIECE of 'scrap metal' picked up by schoolboy while out walking with his dad in Ruff Wood, Ormskirk turned out to be a 19th-century French coin.

But although six-year-old Jake Edwards was thrilled by the find, it's not about to earn him a fortune, as a local expert says it has very little monetary value.

The Ormskirk West End Primary School pupil was out with dad Jon and the family's pet dogs when he picked up what Jon thought was just a piece of scrap metal.

When they got home though the find was cleaned up and found to be a Napoleon III centime dated 1856.

However, coin expert David Regan, based in Southport, said it is very common and of little monetary value. He said travellers to France in mid-19th century would have brought back and kept coins as mementos of their trip, much as people do today.

Jake though wasn't too disappointed by the news. Jon said: "The monetary value is of little importance to him. He is just thoroughly enjoying the adventure of finding the coin and learning about its origins."

Tea-time fundraiser for mayor's charities

Care home resident members of the North West Community Activity Hub pictured with the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs at their afternoon tea fundraiser

CARE home residents from across West Lancashire and Sefton enjoyed a get-together at a fundraiser in aid of the Mayor of West Lancs' chosen charities.

Members of the North West Community Activity Hub met at O'Brien's Tea rooms in Ormskirk for afternoon tea, a raffle, and entertainment and raised £270.

A spokesperson for the mayor, Councillor Neil Furey, said: "The hub members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea at O'Brien's raising funds for the 42nd Ormskirk (Skelmersdale St Paul's) Scout Group, and Sewing Rooms and Evermoor Hub in Skelmersdale.

"Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Noel Delaney and Mrs Ann Stubbert, hosted the event and the Kelly Shirley School of Dance from Burscough brought along three extremely talented young vocalists to provide the entertainment which was enjoyed by everyone.

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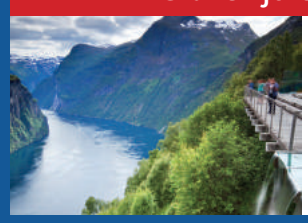

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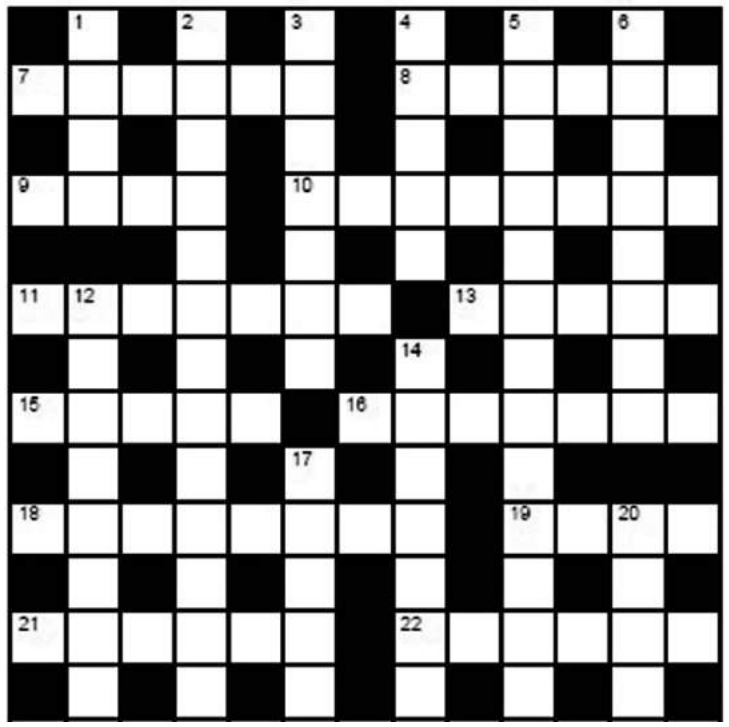

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16 Preoccupy (7)
18 Mesmerize (8)
19 Drop down (4)
21 Movie theatre (6)
22 Informal term for something done badly or inefficiently (4-2)

DOWN

1 Flightless New Zealand bird (4)
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3 The first lunar phase (3,4)
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Group to present their annual Young Musicians' concert

Report by **Henry James**

PARBOLD Douglas Music is to present the annual Young Musicians' Showcase concert featuring young talented musicians from the local area and featuring David Daniels performing in the Auditorium in the Village Hall WN8 7DN on Saturday, April 21 at 7.45pm.

Young singers and musicians from across Lancashire and the Northwest region aged between 13 and 21 years old will be playing a variety of instruments on the evening.

The performers have chosen their own programmes and have been selected by independent advisors.

Pianists will have the opportunity to play the Society's 2000 Steinway Concert Grand.

Performances will be given by: Jerome Ness- guitar, Isaac Beentjes- guitar, Lucy Fazakerley- saxophone, Amy Fazakerley - flute, Cara Whitney – piano, Lucy Farrimond - singer, Ethan Horspool- piano, and Joe Bloom, piano.

There will also be a performance by Rochdale-based David Daniels who will play works by Franz Liszt and others from the nineteenth century romantic repertoire.

David Daniels leads a dual professional life. One as a concert pianist playing solo recitals and concertos with the North West's semi-professional orchestras and the other as a technician preparing concert pianos for other professional musicians in the region's top venues. The piano and its repertoire are a life-long study for David that has taken him from home in Rochdale to Chetham's School of Music, Newark Technology College and to work alongside Steinway technicians.

A spokesman for Douglas Music said they have a "commitment" to developing young musical talent and they are, "confident the audience will enjoy a memorable evening".

A scene from The Story of Guitar Heroes

Guitar legends celebrated

THE Story of Guitar Heroes is due to be performed at Southport Theatre on Thursday, April 26 at 7.30pm.

Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Hank Marvin, Brian May and Slash are just some of the outstanding guitar heroes people will have a chance to experience in one show.

This live concert style 'rockumentry' is performed by talented musician Phil Walker, and his band.

With over 20 guitars used on stage, the show accurately recreates the sound and ambiance of each guitar hero starting from the 1950s to the present day.

The production offers the very latest in video screen technology to create a larger than life event.

This show should appeal to all those budding guitar heroes out there, and to music lovers of all ages.

Acting 'first rate' in show

Review by **Ron Ellis**

BE My Baby by Amanda Whittington
SDC at The Little Theatre, Southport

THERE are two ways of looking at this play. On the credit side, it featured almost enough popular Sixties pop tunes to call it a musical; some on record, by groups like The Shangri-Las, The Ronettes and The Supremes, and others sung live onstage by a quartet of attractive young girls (Anna McKenna, Ellie McKionnon, Abbie Wilson & Nicole Smith).

It is also full of funny one-liners, Amanda Whittington being noted for her amusing dialogue, viz. Ladies Day and Players Angels, and there were enough of them here to justify calling it a comedy.

As for the acting, it was first rate with the characterisation spot on throughout.

And now for the downside. In 1961, abortion was illegal and an unmarried girl who got pregnant was forced to give up her baby for adoption whether she liked it or not if neither her family or the father would take responsibility.

And so, because her mother doesn't want the shame of illegitimacy to stain the family's reputation, 19-year-old Mary is sent to a hospital to have her child but, once it is born, she is told she will not be allowed to see it or keep it and, furthermore, she will have to sign a form giving all legal rights to the people who adopt it.

Pretty harrowing stuff with a hospital run like a prison. Certainly you can forget any hope of a happy ending.

Alice Burns gave a highly polished performance as the pregnant Mary whilst Lisa Tatler made a sympathetic matron and Sandie Keane was suitably austere Mary's mother.

A scene from Be My Baby. Picture by

The comedy of the show rested with the three girls alongside Mary in the hospital, who certainly lit up the lighter moments with a laugh a minute in the laundry.

Emily Parr played leader of the pack, Queenie, a girl who had been around. Holly Minto and Molly Wilkinson were Norma and Delores, two gormless girls for whom the Pill couldn't come soon enough. "We didn't know what we were doing. For God's sake, he was a medical student."

Les Gomersall, who in February appeared as Alf Dolittle in Southport Spotlights' production of My Fair Lady, and resurfaced in March directing All Shook Up for S.O.N.G., was back to direct this show (Does he never sleep?) ably assisted by Kate Miles-Roberts. They did it well.

The show was entertaining and Amanda Whittington undoubtedly gets her message across but the ending colours the evening's experience.

Star Rating: 6 out of 10. Amusing but hard to forget the ending.

Proms director rides in

David Siebert attends Oklahoma rehearsals

THE cast and committee of BOS Musical Theatre (formerly Birkdale Orpheus Society) were pleased to welcome BBC Proms associate director David Siebert to a recent rehearsal of their upcoming production of the musical Oklahoma.

David, a successfully accomplished former member of the society, has gone on to become the resident director of the UK tour of Oklahoma as well as the associate director of the BBC Proms production in 2017.

David took time out of his busy schedule, having recently finished working on A Christmas Carol at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, to provide the cast with advice and tips on performing this well-known musical.

Director Liz Clarke was overjoyed when David agreed to come along: "It was such an uplifting experience for the cast and really helped bring characters to life. David not only provided in-depth background history of the musical but advised the energetic cast on accents and diction – a real must to get right for this well-known Rogers and Hammerstein musical."

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Liz went on to say: "This musical holds a special place in the heart of our membership. It was the first show the society performed all the way back in 1959, so it's a wonderful springboard into our 60th Anniversary celebrations next year.

"This feels like a special production, as it brings together cast members old and new - really earmarking the longevity of our society".

The cast have been rehearsing since January and are getting to grips with the energetic dance routines, huge musical numbers and high standards the society is well known for.

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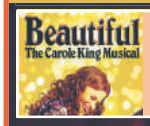

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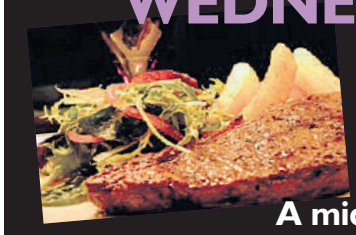

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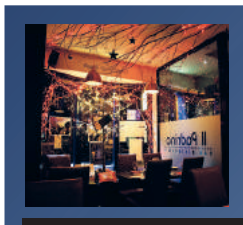

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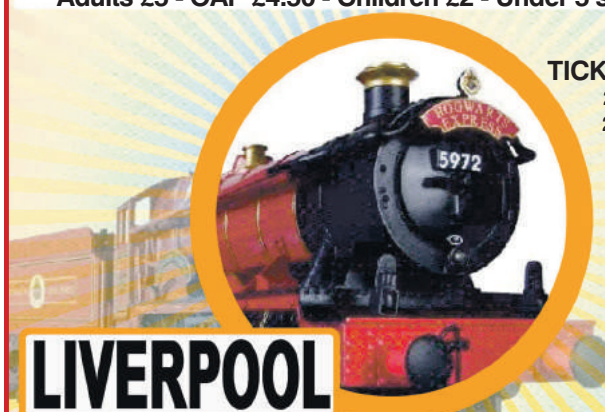

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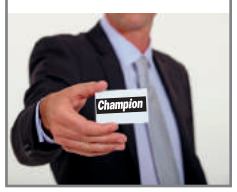

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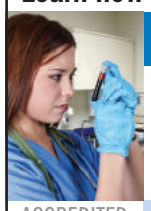

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BUTLER JOAN

1st April 2018
Peacefully at her home in Ormskirk aged 98 years

The dearly loved Mum of Vivienne, Keith and Alison, dear Mother in law of Jill and Eric, devoted Nan of Mark, Katy, Hayley and Tom and Great Nan to Cerys, Rhys, Rory and Rowan. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please donations if desired for The Alzheimers Society. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

SWIFT RICHARD LIONEL

4th April 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 86 years of Westhead, formerly of Skelmersdale

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30th March 2018
Aged 93 years

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DEATHS

BLACKBURN GEORGE HAROLD

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MORGAN GERALD (GERRY)

March 26th 2018
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PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

Passed away peacefully at home
Thursday 29th March 2018

It's goodbye for now Grandad as you sit on your throne watching over us from heaven. We will hold tight onto the memories until we see you again. Love you always Lynsey, Lewis, Jack and Nyah xxxx

DEATHS

PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family
29th March 2018
Aged 81

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Your hugs were worth a weight in gold
Your smile and our memories we will forever hold
You have gained your Angel wings Dad.
You will be missed more than words can describe
Love and miss you always.
xxx

PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family
29th March 2018
Aged 81

Cherished Grandad, Dad and Husband. The best Grandad and friend imaginable. You will be missed beyond measure but loved eternally. May you now be at peace. Your loving Grandaughter Georgia, and Scott.
xxx

PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family
29th March 2018
Aged 81

Funeral service to be held on the 19th April at ST Paul's Church at 1.30. Interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery at 2.30. Enquiries to Margaret Whitelam,29-31 Sandy Lane WN8 8LA 01695 559868

PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

Passed away peacefully at home
29th March 2018
Aged 81

Sleep in peace my prince. You will be sadly missed. Love Brenda, Dawn and Phil.
xxx

DEATHS

PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

Passed away peacefully at home
29th March 2018
Aged 81

Much loved Brother-In-Law to Dave and Mary. Heaven has gained the finest Angel. Until we meet again George.
Xx

PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family
29th March 2018
Aged 81

I'm sending a dove to heaven, with a parcel on its wings. Be careful when you open it, it's full of beautiful things. Inside is a million kisses wrapped up in a million hugs. To say how much I love you and to send you all my love. I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain. To walk with me throughout my life until we meet again.Goodnight and God bless George. Your broken hearted wife,Maggie.
xxx

HILTON MARGARET

3rd April 2018
Passed away peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice, aged 85 years, of Skelmersdale

Dearly loved Wife of the late Leonard, much loved Mum of Anne, Leonard and Michael. Will be sadly missed by all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 13th April at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Margaret Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tele: 01695 424888

DEATHS

OLIVER DORIS

5th April 2018
Passed away suddenly but peacefully at home, aged 89 years of Ormskirk

Much Loved Mum of Sandra, Stephen & Sharon. Family Flowers only by request but donations if so desired please to British Heart Foundation & Cancer Research. For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

DAVIES SYLVIA

On 1st April 2018 Peacefully aged 60 years

Loving Wife of Philip, devoted Mum of Caitlin and Mair, cherished Nana of Archie and Georgie, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 16th April at 11:30am, all enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

HUNTER AUDREY

3rd April 2018
Peacefully in Hospital, with her family at her side Aged 91 Years

Beloved Wife of the late Eric. Much Loved Mum of Ian (Deceased), Jimmy, Joy and Son in law Lee. Loved Nanna Moon of Vicky, Becky, Andrew Yvonne and Great Grandchildren Harvey, Harry and Heidi. Service and Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Tuesday 17th April at 12.15pm. All family and friends are welcome to join the family at The Alt Pub after the service. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Woodlands Hospice c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road Maghull L31 5JB Tel 0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

DEATHS

CAIRNS MARIAN ALICE

1st April 2018
Suddenly but peacefully after a short stay in Hospital, aged 85 years

Beloved Wife of the late Ramon. Much loved Mum of Janet,Ian & Paul. Devoted Nana to Helen, Matthew & James. A unique Mother in law to Dave, Lesley & Yvonne and a good friend too many. Service & Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 20th April at 2.40pm. Family Flowers only please, donations for NSPCC c/o David Clegg Independent Funeral Service, 77-79 Bridge Road, Litherland, Tel 0151 928 6665.

CONLAN JOSEPH

Died peacefully in hospital surrounded by love on Tuesday 2nd April 2018.

Beloved husband to Ruth (predeceased). Loving father to Wayne and Steve. Kind father in law to Kim and Jo. Grampy Joe to Finn, Niamh, Joe and Christine. Our Joey to the rest of our wonderful family. Died peacefully in hospital surrounded by love. We all miss him so much. Cremation service at Thornton Crematorium on Monday April 16th at 2:40 pm. Flowers from family only please.

SQUIRES BARRY

27th March 2018
Aged 79 years

Died peacefully surrounded by his family. Devoted Husband of Maureen, much loved Popsie of Jacqui and Jenny and loving Gargon of Alice and Will. Barry will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Friday 13th April at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquires to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

HOUGHTON MAURICE

4th April 2018

Of the Mini Market Standish.

Dearly loved Husband of Jillian, loving Father of Susan, Diane and Janice and a much loved Grandad. The funeral service will take place at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 1:00pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 2:30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Alzheimer's Society. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

ROSE JESSIE WINIFRED (NEE KEEFE)

29TH MARCH 2018

Peacefully at Aaron Crest Nursing Home Skelmersdale, formerly of Liverpool

Wife of the late Leonard Rose. Much loved and missed Mum of Michael, John, Robert, Stephen and partners. Adored Nan of Steven, Kirsty, Robert, Emma, Danielle and Great Grandma to Sophie. Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 13th April at 11.30am and afterwards at Quarry Bank Social Club. Family flowers only please. Donations, if wished, to Queenscourt Hospice. Any further enquiries to Skelmersdale Funeral Services.

DEATHS

WOODS JUNE

Sadly passed away on 2nd April 2018

Now reunited with the love of her life Ronald Woods. Beloved Mum to May, Jane and late son Donald. Doting Nanna to eight and Nanna the Great to nine. Companion for many years to Ken. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

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Funeral service to take place at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall on Wednesday 25th April at 11am followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please and donations are being gratefully received in June's memory for Queenscourt Hospice

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Further enquiries to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165.

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TINSLEY DOUGLAS (Doug)

3rd April 2018

Devoted Husband of Pam, Father to Paul and Jan, special Father In Law to Jeanette and Karl, and amazing Grandad and Great Grandad. Will be greatly missed by family, friends, neighbours and everyone who knew him. Funeral service at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 12th April at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Sturge Weber UK. C/o H.Leslie Humpreys Funeral Directors, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

ROBINSON JOHN

6th April 2018

Aged 77 years

Died suddenly but peacefully after a long illness. Loving Husband of Jean. John will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Wednesday 18th April at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

COULTON WILLIAM (Bill)

Died 6th April 2018

Aged 86 years

Died suddenly but peacefully with his loving Son Neil by his side. Devoted Husband of the late Beryl (Nee Dorning). Much loved Uncle of Shirley, Janet and Kenneth, Brother of John. Bill will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 16th April at 1:20pm. Flowers welcome or donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR Telephone: 01704 500086

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BIRTHDAYS

ADAM BARBER

10th April 2018

Happy 21st Birthday!

Happy 21st Birthday, Adam!

Have a great day and weekend celebrating!

Lots of Love

Mum, Dad & Emily

xxx

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MONK DENNIS

Irene Monk and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy following the tragic death of Dennis.
Thank you for all the donations and cards which have been received.
A special thank you to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors for the wonderful care they gave to Dennis and the family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BANKS ELLIS

Mildred, Gary and Craig would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards and donations for the Alzheimer's society during their recent sad loss of Ellis. Special thanks to the staff at Aaron Crest Nursing Home, Birch Green Care Home and Dr's Bisarya for their care over the years and looking after him so well. Thanks also to Eleanor West from St Paul's Church for her moving service and Melanie Hardman & staff at H Hardman & Co for their dignified funeral arrangements.

BROWN NORMAN

Audrey, Tony & family wish to thank relatives and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss of Norm.
Also for the many cards and generous donations to Queenscourt Hospice.
Thanks to Doctors, District Nurses, Queenscourt at Home, Crossroads and Stocks Carers for all their help and support.
Thanks to the Rev'd Captain Andrew Housely for a comforting service and to Claire, Dave and staff of Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, Tarleton for their dignified funeral arrangements and helpful support

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHESTER ROY PROFESSOR

Alison Chester and her family would like to thank all those who came to pay their respects and splash a bit of red at the funeral of her Husband Prof. Roy Chester.
Also thanks for all the cards and good wishes they received. Donations to the British Heart Foundation can be given via MLS Independent Funeral Directors Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. The family would like to thank Lisa and her colleagues at MLS for their extremely kind, considerate and sensitive handling of the funeral arrangements.

EDWARD DR JOHN ARCHER

Helen, James and Tom would like to thank all family, friends and colleagues for their unconditional support and love over recent weeks. It has been valued beyond measure.
Thank you also for the many tributes and donations in memory of John.
We would also like to express our thanks to Father David at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton, Clare and Dave at Newland and Wilkinson Funeral Directors for their compassionate and professional services and to all at Mere Brow Village Hall and Sisters Catering for looking after us so well.

MCKEATING HARRY

The family of the late Harry McKeating wish to express their hearfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, Mass cards and messages of condolence, sympathy and support. Thanks also to Fr. Tony Slingo for a lovely service and to the staff at Gibbs Funeral Directors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KUIVALA JAMES PETER

Barbara would like to offer her grateful thanks and appreciation to family and friends for the love and support shown to her on the loss of her much loved Brother Peter.
To everybody who came from near and far to celebrate his life. For the generous donations to the Stroke Association and British Heart Foundation. To Tony Linda and Rose for being there when most needed. To all the Nursing Staff of Ward 33 Aintree Hospital for all the care and dedication shown to Peter and myself. It was very much appreciated.
Thanks to Deacon McDermott for the meaningful service, to staff of The Toby, and to Hunters Funeral Directors Ormskirk for their professional and compassionate funeral arrangements

IN MEMORIAM

HOLROYD NORMA

14th April 2017

To hear your voice and
see you smile
To sit with you and
chat awhile,
That is what I wish
today
In my heart you will
always stay
As long as I have
memories
As long as I have
tears
You will never be
forgotton not in a
million years.
Love Daughter
Jenny, Rob and
Grandchildren
XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

COX DEBBIE

11th April 2016

Always in our hearts

and thoughts.

From all your family.

xxxx

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IN MEMORIAM

SHEPHERD EDWARD JAMES

10th April 2017

One year has passed - Where has it gone?
A bond was lost but will always be treasured,passed perhaps - forgotten never

Brother John and Rosanna

SHEPHERD EDWARD JAMES

10th April 2017

A year ago you left us,
My Love, Our Rock.
Parting came
far too soon.
Our hearts are broken.
You were taken
with lots of words
unspoken.
Deep in our hearts
there's lots of
memories kept.
For you my darling
Husband, Father and
Grandfather,
we'll never forget.

PUBLIC NOTICES

In Shops Centres Limited – in Liquidation (the 'Company')
Registered Number – 01105709
Joint Liquidators – Paul Flint and David Costley-Wood

David Costley-Wood and Paul Flint were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company on 21 January 2014. The Company's principal business activity was the rental of pitches to local traders at indoor markets leased by the Company.

If you believe that that you may have an unsecured claim against the Company (i.e. that the Company owes you money), please forward details of your claim with supporting documentation to KPMG LLP, 1 St Peters Square, Manchester M2 3AE marked for the attention of Linda Robinson, or alternatively you can email at linda.robinson@kpmg.co.uk.

To enable you to rank for any dividend payment, please forward details of your claim, along with any supporting documentation. **The deadline for receiving claims is 30 April 2018.**

In order to assist you in preparing any potential claim I can confirm that the Company's registered address was The Geraud Centre, Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market, Edge Lane, Liverpool, L13 2EJ. The Company's registration number is 01105709. The Company traded from the below schedule of premises.

Please note I can only consider claims for debt incurred prior to the date of the liquidation, being 21 January 2014.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch as per the details above.

Schedule of trading premises

Town	Trading Address
Aberdeen	Aberdeen Market, 8-10 Market Street, AB11 5NX
Accrington	Accrington Shopping Arcade, Church Street, BB5 2EH
Ayr	The Forum Centre, High Street, KA7 1PA
Belfast	Hi-Park Centre, High Street, BT1 2JZ
Bishop Auckland	73-77 Newgate Street, DL14 7EQ
Blackpool	The Local Market, 35 Waterloo Road, FY4 1AD
Cannock	Cannock Shopping Centre, Market Hall Street, WS11 1EB
Chatham	The Brook, Chatham, ME4 4NX
Chatham	The Trafalgar Centre, 270 High Street, ME4 4BP
Chelmsley Wood	Chelmsley Wood Market Hall, 2-8 Greenwood Way, Birmingham, B37 5TL
Chester le Street	154-156 Front Street, 154-156 Front Street, DH3 3AY
Clydebank	Clydebank Shopping Hall, 36 Sylvania Way South, G81 1EA
Consett	16-18 Middle Street, Consett, DH8 5QG
Cwmbran	34 The Mall, Monmouth Square, NP44 1PX
Edmonton	37-43 South Mall, Edmonton Green, N9 0TT
Erdington	Wilton Market, Birmingham, B23 6RP
Grimsby	Garibaldi Street, Grimsby, DN32 7AE
Hall Green	Units 15, 17, 19 Allcroft Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B11 3AA
Huyton	The Trading Place, 11-21 Lansdowne Way, L32 9YB
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Port Talbot	Aberfan Shopping Centre, Port Talbot, SA13 1PB
Glasgow	The Savoy Centre, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, G2 3DU
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CHORLEY, FYLDE, PENDLE, PRESTON, ROSSENDALE, SOUTH RIBBLE, WEST LANCASHIRE AND WYRE BOROUGHS) (REVOCATION, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH AND DE-RESTRICTED ROAD (AUGUST NO1) SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 04 April 2018 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 83(2) and 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1) Revoke: a) The "Lancashire County Council (A675 Hoghton Lane, Hoghton/Walton-le-Dale and Station Road, Hoghton, Chorley Borough and South Ribble Borough) (50mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 1993" insofar as it relates to item 1 of the Schedule; b) The "Lancashire County Council (A675 Hoghton Lane, Hoghton, Chorley Borough) (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2008" insofar as it relates to item i) of the Schedule; c) The "Lancashire County Council (Speed Limit Management) (Various Roads, Chorley Borough Area) (Part Revocation, 40 and 50 mph Speed Limit) (No 1) Order 2010" insofar as it relates to A5106 Wigan Lane, Heath Charnock of Schedule 2, and Wigan Lane, Heath Charnock of Schedule 3; d) The "Lancashire County Council (A59 Liverpool Road and Saunders Lane, Hutton, South Ribble Borough) (Revocation, Part Revocation, Restricted Road 30 mph, Part Time 30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2013" insofar as it relates to Article 5; e) The "Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Various Locations, Fylde Borough, Lancaster City and Wyre Borough) (Revocation, Restricted Road, 30, 40 and 50 mph Speed Limits) Order 2013" insofar as it relates to item c) of Schedule 5; f) The "The County Council of Lancaster (Restricted Roads) (No.11) Order 1970" insofar as it relates to Shard Lane, Green Meadow Lane, Broad Pool Lane, Carr Lane, from a point 150 yards south-west of its junction with Marsh Lane in a general north-easterly direction to a point 175 yards north of its junction with Carr Road; g) The "The County Council of Lancaster (Restricted Roads) (No.3) Order 1972" insofar as it relates to Mythop Road, from its junction with Singleton Road to a point 175 yards south-west of its junction with Church Road; h) The "Lancashire County Council (Lea Lane/Deepdale Lane, Lea Town, Preston City) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 2008" insofar as it relates to item i) of the Schedule; i) The "Lancashire County Council (Maltkiln Lane and Green Lane, Bispham, West Lancashire Borough) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2009" in full.

2) Introduce a 30mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road: a) Green Lane (C171), Bispham, from its junction with Maltkiln Lane (C172), to a point 156 metres west of the centreline of C172. Maltkiln Lane; b) Maltkiln Lane (C172), Bispham, from a point approximately 210 metres north of the centre line of Green Lane (C171), to a point approximately 384 metres south east of the centre line of Green Lane (C171).

3) Introduce a 40mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road: a) Buckholes Lane (C244), Wheelton, from a point 123 metres south-east of the centreline of Jenny Lane (U5940), to a point 410 metres north-west of the centreline of Harbour Lane (U5957); b) Moss Lane (U5801), Whittle-le-Woods, from a point 144.5 metres south-west of the centreline of Dark Lane (U5799) to a point 47 metres south-east of the centreline of Springside Gardens (X1980); c) Hoghton Lane (A675), Hoghton, from a point 141 metres south-east of the centreline of Bells Lane (U13027) to a point 104 metres south-east of the centreline of Chapel Lane (U9063); d) Wigan Lane (A5106), Heath Charnock, Coppull, from a point 12 metres west of the centreline of Bolton Road (A6) to a point 500 metres south of the centreline of Grundys Lane (X182); e) Lea Lane (C298), Lea Town, Preston, from its junction with Deepdale Lane (C298) to its junction with Sidgreaves Lane (C330); f) Liverpool Road (A59), Hutton, Preston, from a point 20 metres south-west of the centreline of Howick Moor Lane (U13759) to its junction with Longton Bypass (A59) including the roundabout; g) Kirkham Road (C270), Weeton-with-Preese, from a point 240 metres east of the centreline of Singleton Road (B5260) to it junction with Weeton Road (C270); h) Weeton Road (C270), Medlar-with-Weeton, from its junction with Singleton Road (B5260) to its junction with Kirkham Bypass (A585); i) Dark Lane (U5799), Whittle-le-Woods, from a point 3 metres from the centreline of Town Lane (C220) in a south-westerly direction to a point 19.5 metres north-east of the centreline of Spring Mews (U2068); j) Wood Lane (A56), Edenfield, from the County boundary with the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for a distance of 133 metres in a westerly direction; k) High Street (C170), Mawdsley, from a point approximately 70 metres south west of the centre line of its junction with Smithy Lane (C190) to its junction with Jay Bank (C170); l) Jay Bank (C170), Mawdsley, from its Junction with High Street (C170) to its junction with Maltkiln Lane (C172); m) Maltkiln Lane (C172), Bispham, from its junction with Jay Bank (C170) to a point approximately 210 metres north of the centre line of Green Lane (C171); n) Maltkiln Lane (C172), Bispham, from a point approximately 384 metres south east of the centre line of Green Lane (C171) to a point 107 metres west of the centreline of Chorley Road (C173).

4) Introduce a 50mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road: a) Hoghton Lane (A675), Hoghton, from a point 104 metres south-east of the centreline of Chapel Lane (U9063) in a south-easterly, then easterly direction to a point 179 metres east of the centreline of Sandy Lane (B5256); b) Longton Bypass (A59), Hutton, from a point 496 metres north of the centreline of Chapel Lane (U9063) to its junction with Liverpool Road (A59); c) Carr Lane (A588), Hambleton, from a point 280 metres north of the centreline of Carr Road (X7276), in a northerly direction to a point 54 metres south of the centreline of Carr End Lane (C402).

5) Introduce de-restricted road status (national speed limit will apply) on Gisburn Road (A682), Blacko, from a point 115 metres north-west of the centreline of Springfield (U50268), in a northbound direction to a point 34 metres north-east of the centreline of Wheathead Lane (C583).

This Order will come into force on the 13 April 2018. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP, and at the offices of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1LW, and at the offices of Pendle Borough Council, No1 Market Street, Nelson, BB9 9LU, and at the offices of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL, and at the offices of Rossendale Borough Council - One Stop Shop, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB, and at the offices of South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, and at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU, and at the offices of the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, quoting ref: LSG4/894.4964/ML2.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
11 April 2018

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2017/1337/FUL Replacement shopfront at 23 Church Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0237/FUL External alterations to the elevations to facilitate the insertion of roller shutters and associated works together with the change of use from B1 to B1 and/or B2 and/or B8 at Unit 1, M58 Distribution Centre, Gillibrands Road, Skelmersdale.
2018/0313/FUL Demolition of garage/store and remodelling of outbuildings including single storey extension to side and rear at Newburgh Post Office, Course Lane, Newburgh.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0314/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of garage/store and remodelling of outbuildings including single storey extension to side and rear at Newburgh Post Office, Course Lane, Newburgh.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0319/COU Change of use to add A4 (sale of alcohol) and associated opening hours to the existing use for a combined coffee lounge and micro pub. (Resubmission of 2017/1052/COU) at The Village Pantry, 4 Hoole Lane, Banks.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
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The Rolls-Royce Cullinan, seen here in prototype camouflage

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I IMAGINE there are quite a lot of entries under 'K' on the waiting list for Rolls-Royce's next model; Kanye, Kim, Khloe and Kourtney for starters.

When you name your new model after the world's biggest diamond it's inevitable that it's going to end up with rather bling connotations, even before it's launched. But then that's the Rolls-Royce Cullinan all over – it's a Range Rover for people who consider the Range Rover a bit too common. It's an off-roader with a whisper-quiet V12 where the establishment makes do with 'just' a supercharged V8. A toff-roader, if you will.

It is a completely pointless, jacked-up Phantom that in reality will never venture any further than a slightly damp stretch of field immediately outside Aintree Racecourse or the Royal Birkdale – in fact, you're more likely to see one appearing on MTV Base alongside someone whose name begins with K.

But that doesn't stop me liking it. Bentley and Jaguar doing posh mud-pluggers just doesn't sit right with their carefully honed collective heritage as custodians of well-heeled driving fun, but a Rolls-Royce off-roader is so delightfully silly that it might just work. It's *Kingsman* in automotive form; still refined enough to insist that you call its offerings *motor* cars, but in the background it's teaming up with The Who's Roger Daltry for its charity ventures, letting grime artist Skepta spec up the speakers on its one-offs and allowing its older cars to take part in marvellously OTT displays at the Goodwood Revival.

So the idea of taking your Cullinan to the Arctic Circle and lording it over everyone slumming it in Toyota pick-ups – and Rolls-Royce has been testing the new car there, just to make sure it'll cope – fits in perfectly with the manufacturer's softly spoken sense of fun. If it can haul itself up the same mucky hill as a Range Rover, but in a much more needlessly expensive way, then so be it. The one per cent have been doing pointless things with Rolls-Royces for generations, and the Cullinan fits in perfectly.

And if any pub bores do wander over (and it'll be a very upmarket pub, presumably) and start piping up about how Rolls-Royce shouldn't be doing off-roaders, then you can point out that it was taking on remote places and winning long before Jeeps and Land Rovers were even conceived. In the 1920s farmers used to travel around the Australian Outback in Silver Ghosts because they were the toughest things on the market. So the Cullinan *does* have off-roading pedigree.

So I like Rolls' toff-roader because it's a completely needless car that I'll never be able to afford. Unless I change my name to one with beginning with K, of course…

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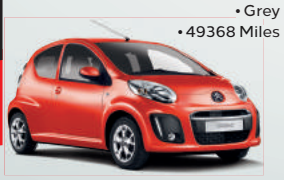

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Linnets prepare for cup semi-final

BAD weather is causing havoc in both Burscough's and Skelmersdale's leagues.

The FA say that in Skelmersdale's Evo-Stik Division One North, the league games must all be played by Saturday, April 28, and in Burscough's North-West Counties Premier Division by Saturday, May 5.

It means Skem have to fit in five more games and although that is a nuisance it is doable for the club.

However, in Burscough's division it is bordering on a nightmare for some clubs.

Among the worst are 1874 Northwich who have 15 games to play.

Many are left viewing this as virtually no help at all and many have the opinion that the FA care nothing for part-time footballers who fit in the game around work and life commitments.

This even impacts on the teams 1874 Northwich and Ashton Athletic have to play, hence Burscough will have to play Runcorn Linnets away on Monday, April 16, then Ashton Athletic at home on Thursday, April 19 and a Saturday game as normal.

Plus in the last week of the season they must play on Thursday, Saturday then Monday.

This weekend Burscough play the first leg of their Macron Cup semi-final away to Irlam on Saturday, before the Runcorn and Ashton games in midweek.

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Skem pile the pressure on Ossett Albion's goal. Picture by John Driscoll

Skem score three to ease to comfortable victory

Skelmersdale United 3
Ossett Albion 1

SKELMERSDALE picked up a comfortable three points to ease any lingering relegation concerns, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Skem opened with a wonderful move in the third minute, which resulted in James Barrigan lifting the ball over the goalkeeper only to see it go just over the crossbar.

Soon Darr got in on the act, shooting just wide on 11 minutes then bringing a save from Cotes three minutes later.

In the 22nd minute Scott Bakkor beat Albion defender Derek Ubah in a storming run but the ball was eventually cleared off the goal-line.

When the visitors scored in the 24th minute it was quite a surprise. A corner was simply not dealt with and went to the far post, where Tom Corner met the ball with his stomach, the ball bobbling into the Skem goal.

Skelmersdale equalised on 42 minutes. Bakkor picked up the ball midway in the Albion half, set off to goal and hit a 25 yard shot that got a deflection and left goalkeeper Coates a spectator as it went past him.

The opening exchanges of the second-half went Albion's way. Soon Skem goalkeeper Callum Lee Roberts did well to parry the ball away after Chippendale was put away at pace, then on 53 minutes he saved a shot and two rebounds when the same player got in again.

Skelmersdale took the lead in the 57th minute and it was without doubt the goal of the game. The six foot plus Mike Roddy neatly beat a man in the middle of the park then played the ball to Bakkor. He quickly put it to Liam Davies' feet, the midfielder created an angle then drove the ball straight into the top corner from 20 yards with his left-foot.

If Albion fancied their chances still it became a lot harder for them on 66 minutes when Jack Stockdill was shown a red card for his challenge on Arnie Baxendale.

Jordan Darr was thwarted by a good tackle from Jacob Young on 69 minutes but five minutes later an incisive move brought Skem some breathing space.

Davies made an enterprising run down the right and crossed the ball without breaking his stride. Bakkor helped the ball on and James Barrigan put the ball under Albion keeper Coates to make it 3-1.

Skelmersdale ran the game down well to secure their victory, capturing three points that will finally kill off the worries of some Skem supporters.

Skelmersdale manager Dave Powell said: "It was probably our most disciplined performance of the season, against a team who had hadn't lost for eight games.

"It shows how far we have come. We have now lost only one in six ourselves.

"We saw two form teams playing a good brand of football, it was exciting all action, the work rate of both teams was outstanding, and I am delighted. I was really pleased with the whole squad; there have been some top-drawer attitudes from everyone."

#	Team	Pl	Pts
16.	Kendal Town	36	39
17.	Mossley	37	39
18.	Ossett Albion	36	39
19.	Skelmersdale United	37	35
20.	Radcliffe Borough	34	34
21.	Brighouse Town	37	34
22.	Goole AFC	37	24

The victory means Skem move up a place to 19th in the table

Whyte's brace isn't enough as Linnets concede late goal

City of Liverpool 3
Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH came from behind twice but conceded a late goal to lose a five goal thriller, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

A crowd of 431 greeted the teams and much was expected of the hosts and they soon put the pressure on Burscough.

The Purples struck in the fifth minute with an excellent strike low into the bottom corner of the Linnets net from David Forbes.

Burscough equalised when Chad Whyte pounced on some hesitancy in the home defence in the 14th minute.

Terry Cummings ran into space on the right and sent a cross into the 18 yard and Whyte lifted the ball over goalkeeper Ben Ascroft for his 39th goal of the season.

The rest of the half saw the hosts dominate most of the possession but they were not finding it easy to open Burscough up.

It was exactly a minute into added time when the home side retook the lead. Forbes held the ball up well and it was released to the highly mobile Jack Hazelhurst, he switched feet and fired low into the Burscough goal.

Burscough bounced out after the restart and within a minute Whyte headed fractionally over the angle of bar and post from a corner.

In the 48th minute Burscough floated a free kick over the home defence and Whyte ran onto it and headed home the second Linnets equaliser.

In the 76th minute loud appeals for a Linnets penalty were turned away.

On 81 minutes the Purples got the winner when Luke Denson headed into the net from a corner.

#	Team	Pl	Pts
17.	Winsford Utd	34	42
18.	Abbey Hey	36	38
19.	Burscough	36	35
20.	Maine Rd	36	32
21.	AFC Liverpool	35	30
22.	AFC Darwen	32	15
23.	Barnton	39	13

Burscough remain in 19th place in the table

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